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*The world is a bundle of hay;*
*Mankind are the asses who pull;*
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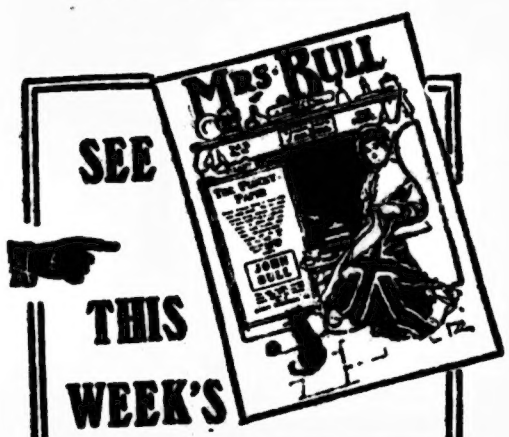


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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, at 7.30 p.m.**

## THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

*[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]*

"IF YOU SEE IT . . . !"

In our issue of July 29th, and on our posters of that date, we said "Mr. Balfour to 'Go.'" *Ergo*—he has gone.

"THE PUSH"!

But Mr. Balfour has not resigned. He has been given "the Push." Always a highly sensitive man, recent events have got on his nerves, and, with diabolical cruelty, he has given the malcontents what they have asked for. The matter is however not merely one of domestic Party interest—having regard to the fact that the mantle has fallen at last upon a Business man.

BUSINESS.

It is a significant appointment, marking a big stride in the direction of a Business Government. Only the other evening Mr. Bonar Law was telling the members of the Glasgow Parliamentary Debating Society that "we are inclined to sacrifice the interests of the State to the interests of Party; there was real danger in this, and it was still more grave when the nation was liable to attack from outside." It now remains to be seen whether the new leader will put his precepts into practice. If he does, we shall be almost persuaded . . . but, perhaps, we had better wait and see.

EAST BRISTOL AFTERMATH.

The Western edition of the *Daily Chronicle* stated before the poll that many Conservatives were for the first time voting Liberal as a protest against the League's intervention, and even professed to give an interview with "a leading Unionist" in support of its statement—and, in common with one or two other West of England journals, predicted that Mr. Hobhouse would be returned by a greatly increased majority. Now we are told that it was the Tories and the advanced Socialists who voted for the League candidate! The significant fact, however, remains that the 3,000 votes polled by Mr. Moore represent just about the number by which Mr. Hobhouse's previous figures were reduced. Then we have the *Morning Leader* telling us that it is "mildly surprising" that the League Candidate "should have succeeded in attracting the amount of support he has done." Surely a surprisingly mild comment! The explanation of our next contest will be interesting.

CAUSE AND EFFECT?

According to the papers, Mr. Asquith's sudden determination to remedy some of our franchise anomalies came as a great surprise to members of all Parties. We wonder whether Mr. Hobhouse had been telling him about the wonderful effect what we had to say upon this subject at East Bristol had upon our hearers.

A REGRET.

We are sorry the King has been advised to go to India. It is a mistake.

### Our Millionth Copy.

Readers are reminded that we shall shortly publish the distinctive number (which will be found on the cover of our journal) of our first millionth copy of one week's issue, *bona-fide* sold through the trade. It will be remembered that we originally made an offer of £500 for this copy, but upon being warned by the Chief Commissioner of Police that, in his view, this offer constituted a lottery, we amended it by stating that upon publication of the number we should be pleased to get in touch with the holder of it—if only for the pleasure of shaking hands with him or her, and passing a few words on the political situation and the weather. We must not say more!

### "Bob" for Hoxton.

We have no personal interest in the candidature of Mr. "Bob" Sievier for Hoxton—except that he is a level-headed business man, of independent character and strong individuality. But from what we hear, he looks like capturing the seat, and this notwithstanding the somewhat remarkable treatment which both he and the constituency is receiving at the hands of the late Conservative candidate—who appears jealous of the spontaneous personal enthusiasm which the advent of his successor has aroused. "Bob" is already the idol of the Hoxton boys.

### A Discovery!

We were amused to note that, in introducing the Manhood Suffrage Deputation to the Prime Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., stated that "he had found out" that whilst we had a population of 45 millions there were only about 7 million electors on the Parliamentary Registers. We seem to remember having mentioned this matter several times during the past few years, and having, in fact, obtained at least two Parliamentary Returns giving the exact figures. We take this opportunity of informing our honourable friend that her late Majesty, Queen Anne, has been deceased for a considerable period!

### "A Business Proposition."

This is the heading to a recent leading article in the *Daily Chronicle* in support of Home Rule, apropos of Mr. Redmond's speech at the City Liberal Club. We shall take that speech with us on our Irish mission, for it is from the Business point of view that we intend to conduct our investigation. Meanwhile, we are pleased to include the *Daily Chronicle* in the congratulations we recently bestowed upon the *Star* on its welcome—if belated—recognition of the real test of legislation.

### The Biter Bit.

Speaking of the *Daily Chronicle* recalls an amusing incident which occurred during the recent East Bristol election. Our contemporary in its Western edition could not resist the temptation of taking Mr. Moore to task for the obvious typographical slip of "Avondale" for "Avonmouth" Docks. "Presumably," said our distinguished contemporary, "he had in mind Avondale Road, which is far from any docks." The *Chronicle* is quite right—Avondale Road is, indeed, far from any docks, there being, in fact, no thoroughfare at all of that name in Bristol, the *Chronicle* "presumably having in its mind" Avonvale Road! Almost as unfortunate as Mr. Hobhouse's "suggestions"!

### An Answer Needed.

Now that Mr. Runciman has settled down in his new post as Minister of Agriculture, will he be good enough to inform us of the manurial value of coke on potato crops; also the correct time to prune cauliflowers? Meanwhile, we are unable to proceed with our usual autumnal exercises at our country home.

### Dear Living.

We are to have another Departmental Inquiry on the increased cost of living, and, while he is about it, the President of the Board of Trade will perhaps consider the question of inquiring into the increased cost of dying. From what we hear, even the price of funerals has gone up, while the aristocracy and the plutocracy bitterly complain that since Mr. Lloyd George commenced to reign at the Treasury, it has cost them considerably more to die than ever it did before. Indeed, it is reported that many of them are suffering the expenses of being alive for the sole purpose of avoiding the increased cost of going dead. We need not point out to Mr. Buxton that this is a matter of the most profound concern to the nation.

### A Question Answered.

Several correspondents have repeated a question which was put to us during the Bristol Election. We are asked, What place could Mr. Moore have filled in a Business Government? This seems to imply that every candidate the League runs is necessarily to become a member of the Ministry—a very great compliment! We think, however, there is one post which Mr. Moore could admirably have filled in a Business Government—namely, that of Press Commissioner. His duty would be to prosecute the proprietors of all journals which, for purely Party ends, doctored the news of the day and wilfully misrepresented the course of public events.

### Within the Meaning of the Act.

Mr. Paul Taylor, the magistrate, has heard a great many extraordinary things in his Court at Marylebone, but one of the most extraordinary of them all—at least he says so—is the statement of the landlord of the "Dreghorn Castle" that the new Licensing Act has led to a great deal of drinking outside the house, where he has no control, that as a result he has lost between sixty and seventy half-pint glasses a week through their being smashed or stolen, while his total loss amounted to a hundred-and-twenty glasses a week. As a matter of fact, most licensed victuallers have a similar experience. In certain districts where pavement drinking has become an institution, glasses are left outside on window-sills, bar steps, or even on the road by the kerbstone. Another "extraordinary thing" about this Act is that instead of mites of children being given shelter, they are left shivering outside while their parents drink in the cosy atmosphere within. It is a question whether this children's clause has done any good at all; there can be no question whatever that it is responsible for a very great deal of harm.

### "Husbands Given Away!"

What next? This is the startling announcement which appears in the current issue of *Mrs. Bull*. There are to be first, second, third and "consolation" prizes. We await with interest a definition of the last-mentioned species.

### The Moccasin Snake.

The latest thing in feminine footgear is the snake-skin shoe. There are possibilities in the notion, certainly, though the association of ideas, sentimentally regarded, seems so sinister that it is quite a little doubtful if the fashion will ever really catch on. Besides, isn't it pushing the historic connection of Eve with the serpent somewhat to extremes?

### What is It?

What is *what?* Why, that weird animal—or is it bird or fish?—on the John Bull Strand hoarding.

### Come, Come, John!

We questioned Mr. Burns the other day about the iniquity of tenement occupiers being struck off the Parliamentary register in consequence of their landlords not having paid the rates compounded for in the rent they had received. John was, of course, very sympathetic, but could do no more than refer us to "Section 8 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869, under which occupiers may pay rates in default of owners and deduct the sums so paid from the next payment of rent." In other words, all that a labourer, renting rooms at three or four shillings a week, has to do in order to retain his vote when handicapped by a defaulting landlord, is to go round to the Town Hall, ascertain the amount due in respect of the whole block of tenements, and hand the collector a cheque for the amount—probably anything from £10 to £50. He can then proceed under Section 8 of the Poor Rate Assessment, etc., etc., to repay himself by withholding his rent for two or three years—during which period the landlord, of course, would in no way attempt to get rid of him! Really, John, this answer was not worthy of you.

### Leaving Bad Alone.

"We do not think," says the *Yorkshire Telegraph*, "that the Party system is the best that could be devised, but it is the best we have got, and it is our duty to make the best of it." We wonder whether the Editor of our contemporary would apply this principle to a hopelessly decayed tooth, especially when it was aching!

### Ecclesiastical Snobbery.

As we write, there is before us the November issue of the *St. Michael's and All Angels'* (Shefford, Bedfordshire) *Parish Magazine*. The contents do not interest us; the cover does, for beneath a picture of the Church there is this announcement: "Vicar—The Rev. Charles E. Meadows, M.A.; Churchwardens—T. C. Temple, Esq., and T. Fisher, Esq.; Organist—Mr. C. Harwood, A.R.C.O.; Clerk—E. Udell." Perhaps somebody in Shefford will inquire of St. Michael and All Angels whether they approve of this ecclesiastical snobbery. The vicar rather reminds us of the orator who commenced to address his audience as "Ladies and gentlemen, women and men."

### Magistrates and Nonsense.

During the hearing of a case the other day, one of the Wood Green justices said that any willing man with a good character can find work. It is really silly on the part of a magistrate to mouth so empty a phrase. It is not true. There are thousands of willing men of good character who cannot find work. Will our magisterial friend proceed to the proof of his statement on this flat contradiction? We think not.

### An Iniquitous Septuagenarian.

Old in sin and steeped in iniquity, Samuel Parker, a man of 75 years, has been sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for cruelty to a horse. It also was an aged animal; and he beat it with the butt end of a whip till its condition, when Inspector Wilmot saw it, was that it had four teeth missing, ten cuts in front of the sheath, six cuts inside the off thigh, and ten cuts inside the near thigh—26 cuts in all—and with each cut this old brute had drawn blood. Since 1856 he had served 30 years of penal servitude for various offences, commencing with wounding a mare and ending with housebreaking and being in possession of counterfeit coin. Apparently his grey hairs protected him against adequate punishment for his atrocious cruelty to this old and infirm beast. But we really do not think we should have bothered about his hair in this case.

### "Blessed Be the Heathen."

Having made a bad blunder in a recent issue, we now sit in dust and ashes in sight of all men. We passed some comments on the accounts of the C.E.M.S., and as the correspondent who sent us the balance-sheet did not further identify the initials, we over-rashly, and, as often in such cases happens, quite wrongly, assumed that C.E.M.S. meant Church of England Missionary Society, whereas, according to the Rev. Norman Scott and some other clerical readers, it means Church of England Men's Society. This said, we have an opportunity of pointing out to our correspondents that they would often save us a great deal of trouble, anxiety, and annoyance if they would take care to be specific. Often a street is mentioned, but not a town; or a town, but not a county; or a surname without a Christian name, or without any indication whether it is that of a man or a woman, married or single—though the essence of the matter may be involved in these particulars. C.E.M.S. is an instance of things not being what they seem.

### A Co-Efficient.

The following comes from Scotland, so that the incident stands of course in no further need of being vouched for. Some eight years ago a Mr. Cameron, of Kingussie, in Aberdeenshire, happened upon a nasty cycle accident. He was smoking a handsome amber-mounted pipe at the time, but although diligent search was made then and later they could never salvage more than half of that pipe—the bowl half, that is to say. Meanwhile Mr. Cameron's health unaccountably began to fail, and kept on doing so until a day or two ago, when during an unusually bad fit of coughing he—well, laid the long-lost pipe-end before his friends. The amber, unlike himself, had suffered no deterioration in the interval. After this, the well-known office legend "Cough it up and quit!" will have a new meaning for dwellers in Kingussie, Aberdeenshire.

### Those "Loyal" Railway Servants.

During the late strike of railwaymen certain passengers subscribed towards a fund to reward those who remained at their posts. Several of these "loyal" servants write and ask what has become of the money. Perhaps there wasn't enough to go round. At any rate, it is somebody's place to say something.

### Bournemouth for Humbug!

Here is another instance of the humbug of the Bournemouth authorities. A Sunday or two back, the Mayor and Corporation went in state to Richmond Hill Congregational Church, and though the majority in the Council will not permit Sunday music on the pier or in the parks, they engaged a band not only to play them to church, but to play them back to the Town Hall. What an awful desecration of the day of days! What an attack on "Bournemouth's chief asset," as somebody has called it—the Quiet Sunday.

### The Smoke Cure.

We see that medical men are recommending a residence in the factory district of Sheffield for the reason that the smoky atmosphere is eminently calculated to be of beneficial effect in asthma cases. But why go all the way to Sheffield. Are not the chimneys of Bow and Bermondsey as good as those of Hallam? During the recent windy weather, indeed, a large number of us have been in a position to try the "cure" without stirring two yards away from our own sitting-room fire. Sheffield, forsooth!

### Girl Clerks.

That is an interesting article in this week's *Mrs. Bull* on the girl typewriter, and we commend it to those of our readers who employ girl clerks, or, rather, "lady typists."

### The Birkbeck Judgment.

If the judgment of Mr. Justice Neville is not set aside, the Birkbeck depositors will have to take their chance of getting that satisfaction from the assets of the Building Society in the hands of the Receiver to which they have on every moral ground not only a right, but the first right. Never surely was a subtle legal figment pressed so hardly against so clear an ethic. Mr. Justice Neville tells the depositors that they knew the directors were using their powers for borrowing money for carrying on a banking business to an extent which made the Society an illegal concern, and that therefore they, who used the Society as a means of thrift, must follow in their claim upon the assets those who used the Society as a means of speculation. It is safe to say that not one in a hundred of the depositors knew, or could know, that the Bank was an illegal concern, jeopardising their deposits. If Mr. Justice Neville's decision is sound law, all we can say is that it is very monstrous law; the sort of law which smiles in your face while it picks your pocket. And, by the way, who is to be made responsible for the "illegal banking business"?

### Christmas is Coming.

Naturally you will ask us how we know. The fact of the matter is that the Halifax Board of Guardians have opposed a proposal to provide a bottle of brandy wherewith the officers may flavour the sauce for their Christmas pudding. The way the Board appear to have looked at this subtle problem of workhouse economics is that the brandy was in excess of their sauce, for it was urged that there are only 22 officers, while a bottle of brandy is enough to flavour half a hogshead of sauce. It is a horrible thing for 22 men to be under suspicion, and we hereby advise them to purchase a shillingsworth of one-star out of their own pockets, and be beholden to nobody.

### The Light That Failed.

Summoned at Shoreham Petty Sessions for riding his bicycle without a light, the Rev. E. G. B. Kirtlan, a Wesleyan minister, of Sackville Gardens, Hove, pleaded that it was "not through any neglect on his part, but it was rather an act of God, that his light had gone out." It was so obviously unfair to transfer the blame in this way, that the magistrates ordered the rev. gentleman to pay six shillings costs. The next time he goes awheel, he will peradventure be no more like unto the foolish virgins.

### Of Your Charity.

We make no apology for earnestly pleading with our readers for a generous response to the appeal which we make on another page, in connection with our Christmas Distribution to the Poor. Things are very bad with them this year, and we shall all enjoy our Christmas dinners better, in the knowledge that we have done a little, however small, to give some kind of meaning to the "Festive Season." It is not only your money, but left-off clothing, toys, sweets, and games, that we want.

### Milk Sold Here.

During the heat and drought of the summer, many persons summoned for sophisticating their milk put the blame upon the cow, and in some cases probably not without good reason. But at any rate the cow is not to blame for the condition of certain milk sold by an Eastbourne man named Thomas, not Sam, Weller. Mr. Weller's milk was noticed to be exceedingly watery, and, brought to the bar of judgment, he explained that "he purchased in August milk powder, to each tin of which he added six gallons of water." The fine was £3, Mr. Weller leaving the Court in the most profound disbelief that this is a free country.

### Gents. and Others at Slough.

We gather from the rules and regulations governing the new Conservative club at Slough that they have some very offish Tories in that place. The new club provides for five-shilling Tories and half-guinea Tories. The half-guinea ones, having special billiard and card rooms, need not mix with the five-shilling ones unless they please, while the five-shilling ones must not approach the half-guinea ones without invitation on any account whatever. The half-guinea ones include all the nobility and gentry in the neighbourhood, the five-shilling ones being the others. For the purpose of political elections, however, they desire to be known as the Unionist Party.

### An Apology.

In accordance with the arrangement come to in Court on November 2nd, we now desire to express our regret for having caused the Rev. Silvester Horne any pain or annoyance by the publication in our paper of reports as to a certain hymn having been sung in his presence. We tender to the Rev. Silvester Horne our apology for having inserted in our paper any such statements, and desire to say that we find the same are without foundation and we unreservedly withdraw them.

### Chinese Pig: Latest.

The Local Government Board authority who is so enthusiastic about Chinese pig as an article of diet in this country may be interested in the experience of a reader who served for some time on a gunboat up the Yang-Tse-Kiang. He says the sight of pigs eating drowned Chinamen, near the Woo Sung forts, put him and others off pork. Up river the pig was no better. The animals wandered at will through the streets and ate all the garbage they could find. One of the punishments thereabouts is that after a man has been executed he is chopped up into small pieces and scattered all over the city for the pigs and dogs to eat. Our correspondent adds, "Chinese chickens get their living in the same way, and they also are coming home, I hear." Lord ha' massy on us!

### Who Is He?

Who is the Rev. Thomas Burnett? The question is asked because a gentleman of this name, described as a Clerk in Holy Orders, aged 59, and therefore old and holy enough to know better, has been convicted at Bow Street, London, on a charge of being drunk and incapable. So drunk was he that he fell on the pavement, and when he fell a bottle of whisky was observed in his pocket. We could not if we would, and we would not if we could, deny reasonable and stimulating refreshment to a man because he is a clergyman, but we do think that it is most inappropriate for a clergyman if he cannot carry it like a man.

### One in a Crowd.

Mr. Gillespie, the London magistrate, alleges that if Ananias had lived in these days he would not have been noticed, as so few people now tell the truth. Probably there were never many people in the world who did tell the truth. The only man who said he could not tell a lie was George Washington; and nobody except his father ever believed him.

### Addison on Party.

"I have frequently wondered to see men of probity, who would scorn to utter a falsehood for their own particular benefit, give so readily in to a lie when it is become the voice of their party, notwithstanding they are thoroughly sensible of it as such. How is it possible for these who are men of honour in their persons thus to become notorious liars in their party?"—(From "The Spectator," No. 507.)

ENLIGHTENING THE MASSES.

Commenting on our recent intervention at East Bristol, the *Edinburgh Evening Despatch* describes it as "an attempt to advertise the John Bull League, which has never hitherto been known by the masses." We are much obliged to our Northern contemporary for rectifying this state of affairs.

AN ECHO.

Here is a quotation from an article which appeared in *The Times* in the year 1850. The subject was the career of Lord Langdale, then Master of the Rolls, and the article quotes a remark of his, made to Lord Melbourne, that "There is nothing more hateful and more mischievous than a political Judge influenced by Party feeling." Thank goodness, such an observation could not be applied to any of our Judges at the present day—at any rate, in the existing state of the law as to Contempt of Court!

CHEAP CONSOLS.

The Postmaster-General tells us, in answer to a question in the House, that he sees no justification for imposing on the tax-payer the cost of transferring Consols to Post Office depositors. This economy is the same which he told us compelled him to refrain from publishing the particulars of the three million dormant deposit accounts in his hands. We should have appreciated it more, however, if it had not been written on the top of a four-paged, heavy glazed foolscap sheet of paper of the most expensive make.

THE WEEK'S "CHESTNUT":—

He was a victim of indigestion, and had consulted an eminent physician, who had placed him on a strict diet. Finding he was making no progress, but, on the contrary, was attacked by very violent sickness, he again saw the doctor, who enquired whether his directions had been carried out. Being assured that such was the case, the doctor asked him whether there could be any special explanation of the sickness. "Only this," replied the unhappy patient, "you told me, as I was leaving your consulting-room, to take just one cigar after dinner, and no more—*and I had never smoked before, and have been so sick every night!*"

GETTING READY.

# "John Bull's" Biscuits.

*For stating, in its account of Lord Derby's election as Lord Mayor of Liverpool, that he "was greeted with loud applause on entering the Chamber, and took the usual* OATS *on accepting office,"*

*THE EVENING EXPRESS* (Liverpool)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating that "Blackheath* BEAT *Devonport Albion at the Rectory Field, Blackheath,* NEITHER SIDE SCORING,"

*RUGBY FOOTBALL AND CRICKET*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating that "Professor Zodiac was* SENTENCED TO TELL FORTUNES BY PALMISTRY,"

*THE MAIL* (Dublin)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For describing a bride at a recent wedding as wearing a hat "trimmed with* CREAM *and* SQUIRRELS,"

*THE SHEERNESS GUARDIAN*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating (according to the "Cardigan and Tivy-Side Advertiser") in his Report: "The notice served upon the* OCCUPIERS *of pigstyes situate at the back of Williams Terrace had not so far been complied with,"*

THE SURVEYOR TO CARDIGAN TOWN COUNCIL
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating that one of the members of the Castle Gates Brotherhood "has long been laid up with a* DECEASE *which renders the possibility of his returning to his work out of the question,"*

*THE SHREWSBURY COMMERCIAL AND LITERARY CIRCULAR*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating (according to the "Wrexham Advertiser") in a recent case, that: "On Friday morning, October 20th, he* POSTED HIMSELF *at the General Post Office,"*

POLICE-SERGEANT LEWIS
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For heading a report of a recent inquest: "Lady's Mysterious Death.* (BY HER PRIVATE WIRE),"

*THE YORKSHIRE EVENING POST*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating that, during the recent gales, "The Coxgreen golf* COURSE *lost a number of its* ROOF TILES,"

*THE SUNDERLAND DAILY ECHO*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating, in a letter to the "Helensburgh and Gaerloch Times," apropos of a recent missionary conference, that:* "TEN SHILLINGS *a week is* ONLY 2½D. *a week,"*

"ONE WHO WAS THERE"
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating that: "Shortly after five o'clock on Wednesday evening the fire brigade was called out to the stackyard at Mossland Farm. When the brigade arrived it was found that* ONE OF THE STALKS OF CORN *was on fire. Seeing that the fire* HAD GOT A GOOD HOLD OF THE STALK *the brigade turned their attention to save the* OTHER STALKS. *Having a plentiful supply of water from the burn they were able to avert further disaster.* THE STALK OF CORN DESTROYED IS VALUED AT £20,"

*THE CLYDEBANK AND RENFREW PRESS*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

*For stating of a certain gentleman:* "FOR THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE *he was a martyr to rheumatism. He was unable to walk, unable to use a pen. He would lie on a couch for hours* DICTATING TO HIS SON *with scarce a pause,"*

*THE NEWS OF THE WORLD*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

# THE "UNFIT" AND PARENTAGE.

## THE STANDARD MAN AND HOW TO PRODUCE HIM—STERILISATION OF THE UNFIT.

BY ARTHUR BAILIE FRANCIS, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.F.P. & S. (Glasg.), L.M. (Edin.)

If we could only improve the race, if we could only weed out the unhealthy, the diseased physically, mentally and morally, what a different country this would be! If, instead of hospitals for incurables, hospitals for every different complaint, sanatoria for consumption, asylums for the insane, we could look round our British Islands and see healthy, normal types of men and women of our race, what a thing it would be! Is it impossible? No. Can it be done? Yes. How? In this way:

In the first place, let me say that civilisation has done both harm and good by working from the wrong end. As matters stand at present, of course we want to prolong life, no matter how apparently useless. That is a fundamental principle of medical science; therefore let it remain.

Sanitary science has done wonders in prolonging the lives of thousands of weaklings—consumptives, neurotics, epileptics, those suffering from the effects of inherited specific diseases, scrofula, etc. Has it really done any good? Speaking broadly, in the interests of the race, no, it has not. We want to begin at the other end, while, from a humanitarian point of view, continuing the present conservative method.

We want to eliminate the unfit from the next generation, if possible; we want to make the succeeding generation still better; and we want to make the third generation practically normal in mind, body and nerve. Can it be done? I believe it can.

### THE REAL REMEDY.

The marriage problem bristles with difficulties. Whatever the attraction may be that draws a man and a girl together and unites them in marriage, it takes no thought of the future. Yet Nature's great law of the reproduction of the species is the primary impelling force, unconsciously obeyed. If the man and the girl are healthy types, the offspring will be healthy; but if one or other has the seeds of consumption, insanity, epilepsy, or other disease, what will be the result? Simply a visitation of the sins of the fathers unto the third and fourth generations. We want to stop this. We want to make it impossible for weaklings to bring forth weaklings, so that only the fit, mentally and physically, may beget strong, healthy children. It is no good saying the unfit should not be allowed to marry. Forbid that, and you gain nothing. Nature has ways of evading the marriage law. You must *make it impossible* for weaklings to procreate under any circumstances; and that is the crux of the whole question—to *make it impossible for weaklings and degenerates to reproduce the species.* How can that be done? By a very simple method, which need not be dignified by the name of a surgical operation, the male can be prevented from reproducing, and in the same way, by a simple method the female can be prevented from reproducing.

Thus, it only requires a law to be passed by the legislature, authorising the *sterilisation of the unfit,* and you cut off, at the fountain-head, the stream of degeneration; the next generation would see the existing weaklings eliminated in the natural course of nature, and the third generation would see strong, healthy, *manly* men and *womanly* women only.

What a change! No asylums, no sanatoria for consumptives, no homes for epileptics, neurotics and dipsomaniacs; only hospitals for the care of those acute diseases to which flesh will always be heir, such as pneumonia, fevers of different kinds, and the results of accidents—that is, *preventive treatment would have triumphed.*

The great pioneer of this movement is an eminent Liverpool physician and surgeon; I need not mention his name, it is well known to the rest of his brother practitioners all over the country. In the medical papers and journals he has advocated this method of improving the race and preventing crime by purely physiological means, for quite a long time now; but it has taken no effect, possibly on account of the innate selfishness of the race; possibly also on account of the difficulties and stumbling-blocks in the way of legislative reform in this direction.

### PRUDERY MUST GO.

But I believe the day is coming when prudery will be cast to the winds and when common sense will be allowed to react in these great sexual questions; and once the public has realised that so much can be done by the expenditure of so little energy—once the public has grasped the fact that our race can be improved by cutting off, at command, so to speak, the production of unfit and unhealthy types—then the first year of the millennium will have arrived; and I believe the millennium is not a Utopian idea, is not a dream of visionaries and fanatics. I believe it is a condition of life which will eventually come; it may be in fifty years or a hundred years time; but come it must, and the sooner we begin to inaugurate the prelude to that great harmony the better. I boldly suggest that every male and every female adult in this country to-day should be medically examined, and the results tabulated; all those found to be suffering from acquired or inherited disease, or any marked deviation from the normal healthy type, should be sterilised—that is, prevented from reproducing their morbid species; and, incidentally, I may say that this can be done without taking away from them the gratification of those natural instincts which are common to us and all other animals. And with what an incalculable amount of good, with what an incalculable amount of saving to the pockets of the ratepayers, for the up-keep of all the various institutions which are considered necessary at the present day!

### THE THEOLOGICAL DIFFICULTY.

Of course there is the difficulty of the theological objection. So long as every couple entering upon marriage—irrespective of health and fitness—is abjured to "be fruitful and multiply"; so long as Bishops encourage the poor to further increase their family burdens, without regard to any physiological consideration; so long as parsons themselves set the example of prolific breeding—it will be difficult to convince the ordinary man and woman that they owe a moral duty to the State not to weaken it by the propagation of "unfit" offspring. But this obstacle must be squarely faced, and must not be allowed to stand in the way of the common good. If God made man in His own image it is our duty to do everything possible to keep the standard up to the original model.

I hope these remarks will attract the attention the subject deserves, and I am confident I voice the sentiments of the whole medical profession when I advocate this method of evolving the Standard Man.

## MOONLIGHT FLITTERS.

### A PLEA FOR AN OFFICIAL RECORD OF REMOVALS.

It is not in our nature to be over-severe with those unfortunate people who, when undeserved financial disaster descends upon them, are stricken with panic and take the foolish step of flying, under cover of darkness and a plain van, from their creditors.

But a correspondent points out that thousands of unscrupulous people make a practice of changing their address rather than their habits, living in one place until their credit has become exhausted, and then quietly doing a moonlight flit to "fresh woods and victims new," leaving behind them not only an exasperated landlord, enraged creditors (including, of course, the doctor), and distracted tradespeople, but also numerous sympathetic friends who have been fools enough to lend the "missing" money.

It is also unfortunately true that tradesmen, aware of the risks they run, make it a custom to add a substantial percentage to the price of their goods to cover such losses; the result being that the honest householder is forced to pay for the roguery of others. This, of course, is nothing short of a tax on honesty, a heavy charge upon virtue, which, as Euclid would say, is absurd.

But when our correspondent proceeds to outline a scheme whereby an official record would be made of all removals, enabling the slimmest of flitters to be traced to his latest lair, we are not altogether sure that we are at one with him. The proposal seems to us to encroach upon the freedom of the subject. It is possible for a person to have perfectly legitimate reasons for desiring to cover up his or her tracks. Under the plan proposed this would be made impossible. For example, it would be impossible to evade the persistent annoyance of undesirable friends or relations—sometimes far worse than the clamour of a dozen determined creditors.

We are inclined to think that our idea of a Certificate of Citizenship would provide all the safeguard necessary. Creditors left in the lurch would simply have to make a complaint to the authorities, who, after due investigation, would be empowered to endorse the defaulter's certificate to the effect that he was an absconding debtor.

A clean certificate would be the highest reference any British subject could produce. If a landlord or any other interested person had a suspicion that the holder of the certificate had evaded endorsement, he would be at liberty to consult the official record, and thereby afford the authorities the opportunity of endorsing the original as well as the copy which they would hold.

Thus with a minimum of labour and expense would a complete record of each citizen's lapses and misdemeanours be preserved—not for the prying eyes of various friends and scandalising neighbours, but for the protection of honest tradesmen and others.

## "JOHN BULL'S" CHRISTMAS FUND.

### FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR, IRRESPECTIVE OF SECT OR CREED, OR ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION.

We again make an appeal to the generosity of our readers to enable us, at the approaching Christmas season, to distribute gifts of food, clothing, toys, etc., amongst the London poor. Upon previous occasions the response has been most gratifying, and we feel sure that the same will be the case again this year. First, we want money—with which we buy orders upon local butchers, bakers, grocers, and others, enabling the recipients to obtain food and take it to their own homes for consumption, a course much preferable to crowding them into public buildings in the old-fashioned way. Every subscription will be duly acknowledged in our columns. Secondly, we want left-off clothing of all shapes and sizes. This we will have carefully sorted out by the hands of willing workers, and made into suitable "lots," corresponding with numbered orders which will be given by our helpers to those most in need of the things. Thirdly, we want toys for the little ones, to help to brighten their dismal homes at Christmas time. We guarantee that they shall be wisely and well distributed. We can also do with boxes of oranges, sweets, fruit, crackers—in short, anything likely to bring a little happiness—if only for a few days—into the homes of the poor.

All subscriptions should be forwarded to us here, but everything else should be addressed to John Bull's Depot, 489, Cambridge Road, Cambridge Heath, London, E.

## THE EDUCATION OF THE BOY SCOUTS.

### SONGS AND FIRES.

By Ricardo.

The other day I came across a body of Boy Scouts rehearsing some of the astonishing things they were to do and perform at a review or inspection then close at hand.

Their drill and training is quite wonderful. Some of them, for instance, were supposed to fall down dead, and the others were appointed to rescue them. The little ones died, and the big ones did the retrieving act. The way they carried their slain from off the field of battle was most convincing, and should be an exercise very useful to them in every-day life.

I saw them wave some flags. This was pretty, but jerky, and I could see no useful purpose in it. Next, they all dropped on one knee, and mumbled through something that was called a song. I heard some lines about "the clear cold spring, and the bird upon the wing," but the boys seemed ashamed of their song and rumbled through it in low tones as soon as they could, apparently glad to get it over. I am told the verses are the work of the poet Kipling. I felt sorry for the boys.

Their last feat really was interesting. I heard an instruction given that they were to light fires. I saw them place their poles upright, three at a time standing together, in the correct picturesque style supposed to be common on the open plain and in the wilderness. Now, I thought, I shall see some real scouting.

How would the boys procure their fire? Perhaps with flint, tinder, and steel, knocking sparks in the most romantic fashion. Perhaps they would rub dry sticks together, as the Indians are said to do, till the fire comes. Perhaps——

But all queries were at an end. For the Boy Scouts just got paper, and a few sticks of wood, heaped the lot together, produced boxes of safety matches, struck each a match, and applied each his match to the paper. The result, naturally enough, was a fire.

But—if the sum total of the instruction of the Boy Scouts is that you can light a fire with paper, wood, and matches, then it seems to me that this is a mystery mother could teach them at home.

## JEDBURGH JUSTICE REDIVIVUS.

### A WORD WITH THE LONDON EDUCATION OFFICER.

In the Report of the London Education Committee which met a fortnight back, we come across the following:—

> An assistant master is to be censured for infringing the C.P. regulations by omitting to record in the punishment book the fact that he had caned a boy. As the relations between him and the head teachers are strained, he is to be transferred to another school. *He has been twenty-six years in his present school*

The italics are ours. It will be noticed that there are two distinct punishments—a censure for omitting to enter a caning which had been given, and a further sentence of transfer, with adverse reports, on account of friction with the head master.

We do not wish to go into the merits of the cases, but we do desire to call attention to the un-English method of procedure which has been adopted.

The assistant in question was reported by a Council Inspector for breach of the C.P. regulations. The managers, according to the usual procedure, were asked to investigate the charge. At the meeting for this preliminary inquiry, for some reason not apparent, the managers had before them reports from the "log book" showing that the relations between the assistant and the head master were strained. These entries do not appear to have had any connection with the case under investigation; some of them were *more than twelve months old*, and none of them relates to breaches of the C.P. regulations.

Thus, a charge is made against a teacher, the teacher is called upon to appear before the managers to answer it, and another charge, unconnected with the original one, is sprung upon him! No English Court of Justice would tolerate such a proceeding. The first charge should have been dealt with before the second was introduced.

Now we appeal to Mr. Blair to have this case reopened, and so prevent what appears to be a gross miscarriage of justice.

## PRUDES ON THE PROWL.

### AN APPEAL FOR A PARSON'S VICTIM.

By Our Special Commissioner.

I want to appeal to the readers of JOHN BULL to help a victim of a gross outrage, and in stating the case I should like to give a warning to many members of my own sex, in regard to matters which may, and which should, lead them into serious trouble. The reason I have embraced this opportunity is on account of the following incident:

Some few days ago, as readers of JOHN BULL will be aware, the Rev. Alfred Newns, Vicar of St. Jude's, Gray's Inn Road, accused a respectable married woman of speaking to him in the street, and gave her into custody. When before the magistrate, the rev. gentleman fought his case in a most vindictive spirit, in spite of which the woman was discharged. In the course of evidence it transpired that the Vicar had given women in charge on other occasions.

Here, for a moment, we may leave the Vicar and discuss the question of "accosting" as a whole.

Those who have followed my articles during the past two years will, I think, give me credit for taking a broad view of things in general. They must admit also, after reading my exploits in London massage dens, that I know something of life in the heart of the British Empire. Having said so much, I now come to my story.

#### DANGERS OF LONDON STREETS.

I believe that, alone among men, it is only doctors and journalists who know the suffering inflicted upon women by men. I will deal with but the one case, and for dealing with it I know that I shall be met with abuse from many quarters. That, however, will not matter. Those who will clear their souls of cant will be able to see plainly. Now let us come back to the Vicar and the evidence given in Court.

#### CURIOUS EVIDENCE.

"Were you dressed in clerical clothes?" the rev. gentleman was asked. "Exactly," replied he.

Of all the improbable stories that ever I heard, commend me to this one. In plain English, the Vicar (in clerical garb) charges Mrs. Elliott with being a prostitute and accosting him. The next thing we shall hear is that such a woman has accosted a policeman in uniform. The idea is too absurd—although out of their distinctive costumes men of both these professions are sometimes good customers of prostitutes. I speak only of what I know.

The particular part of London in which the incident in question occurred is now a comparatively quiet neighbourhood. Some years ago it was the rendezvous of "fallen sisters," but even at that time these poor wretches would not molest a man without he gave them some encouragement.

#### A PRACTICAL TEST.

It is open to any of my readers to carry out a self-imposed task, and so satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of my statement. Let them start from Piccadilly Circus, say at 10 p.m., walk up Regent Street, then down Oxford Street, and so on up Tottenham Court Road to Euston. They will then have covered a favourite promenade. What I will guarantee is that, if they go straight along about their business, they will not be molested. On the other hand, if they go staring into every girl's face they come across—well, they will soon find what they are looking for. I have known these thoroughfares for the past twenty-five years, and I can truly say that I never pass along them without being disgusted with my own sex. The manner in which men stare into the face of any decent-looking girl who may pass them is a disgrace to civilisation. Nor is this state of affairs confined to the streets alone—one can see it in the "tubes," and in almost every place of amusement. Shop-girls and wives of respectable citizens frequently write me complaining of this sort of treatment. It is but a few days since a Bond Street cad followed a lady friend of mine home to her own doorstep—even taking a taxi for the purpose. What these people do not seem to realise is, that the public streets contain virtuous women as well as those of bad character, and that both have equal right to use them without being molested. I hold no brief for "daughters of the pavement," but this I do say—they are deserving of our pity and sympathy. If the police would only do their duty, it would be the men, and not the women, they would arrest for accosting.

Our streets, especially in the West-end, are not safe for any respectable women to walk in after dusk, and all because we don't look facts in the face and localise a certain class of females.

#### AN APPEAL.

After Mrs. Elliott's discharge, I paid a visit to her home and had a talk with her and her husband. The woman's health is thoroughly broken down, and she needs a long rest and change of air at once. The little family of three lives in two small rooms, while the remainder of the house is let to lodgers. With tears in her eyes, the poor woman told me she would never again be able to hold her head up. The shame of such a charge seems to have eaten into her very soul, and her husband is afraid she will lose her reason. Up to the time of going to press, the Vicar is thoroughly unrepentant. Not a line offering sympathy has he sent, or word of regret has he uttered, for making so gross an error. The righteous man still feels that Eve tempted him with the apple, and that he was strong enough to cast it aside!

I want readers of JOHN BULL to help Mrs. Elliott, her husband and daughter, to put their little home in order. During the course of the evidence at the police court it was clearly established that Mr. Elliott was a hard-working man, although he had been out of employment for some weeks. Naturally, they have got behind in their rent. There is also a matter of £3 owing for furniture on the hire-purchase system. The mother must have a long rest and change of air, and so must her 12-year-old daughter. Any sums which may be contributed shall reach her hands at once. Perhaps the Vicar also would like to send a cheque?

## "THE NAVY'S WHISPERING GALLERY."

### MISS AGNES WESTON'S BUNKUM.

A sailor, who signs himself "Disgusted," sends us a pamphlet with the above title, written by Miss Weston, and asks us whether he is not justified in being disgusted "at such rubbish being thrust upon intelligent, educated sailors." We are not very surprised at our correspondent's anger, for we have seldom read more maudlin stuff. For example, Miss Weston is declaiming against what she calls "a torpedo of drink," and illustrates her argument by the following:—"Years ago a ship named *Schiller* went down in the Channel with all her crew. There was no wind or fog, but the crew were all drunk. They left a valve open, the water came in and gained on the ships (*sic*). They were too drunk to know it, and she settled down into her grave—the drink did it." How does Miss Weston know that they were all drunk if all hands went down?

Here is an example of her pathos:—"A gentleman was once visiting a convict, a notorious criminal, in his cell, taking a little child with him, and he was trying to show him how he had offended God as well as man, and that God was an angry judge, but he forgot to say that he was a God of love. Still the man remained unmoved. The little child had been watching him, and she went up to him and put her little hand upon his knee and looked up at him with the confiding eyes of childhood and said, Mr. Convict, I love 'oo, and God loves 'oo.'"

Really! And, by the way, are visitors allowed in convict cells with children?

Our correspondent's disgust is deepened by his experience of Miss Weston's charges for such food and drink as she offers to sailors. He says that if the tea were hotter and stronger, the bread and butter thicker and sweeter, and the price a little more reasonable, Miss Weston might establish a stronger claim upon the respect of sailors than by treating them as unintelligent children, capable of admiring the nauseous nonsense we have quoted.

*Have you seen our wonderful poster on the Strand Hoarding?*

*What* **IS** *it?*

## A SUMMARY DISMISSAL.

### A WORD WITH MR. BUXTON.

Until a few days ago there was a young man named Raymond P. Petty engaged at the Board of Trade as a mechanical repairer. He had originally gone to the Department as a messenger boy, but has been a mechanical repairer for nearly seven years and bears a high character, as now testified by his chiefs. We have before us two of his testimonials. The first, from Mr. F. S. Read, is dated from 7, Old Palace Yard, May 13th, 1911, and says:—

> I have known Mr. R. P. Petty for over six years, and can testify to his general good character. He is thoroughly honest, trustworthy, and intelligent, and has always shown himself willing, persevering, and active in the performance of his duties.

We may mention that Petty was inviting testimonials in the hope of getting outside employment which would give him something better than his then engagement. As late as October 26 he received the following testimonial from Major MacMahon, the Deputy Warden of Standards:—

> Raymond P. Petty has been in the service of the Board of Trade under my orders since 1905. During that time he has had the care and manipulation of scientific instruments, and has given me entire satisfaction. He is steady, hardworking, and keen. . . . He has been in the Territorial Force for some years, and from his activity and energy has made rapid strides in promotion.

It is plain from these testimonials that Petty is a young man of worth.

On October 27th, at about 9.20 a.m.—that is, before the opening of the office—a messenger boy came into Petty's room and was impertinent. One word led to another, and finally Petty gave the boy a box on the ears. It was not a serious blow; it did not knock the lad down or hurt him in any way, but he immediately went to complain to the chief clerk, Mr. J. W. Sellar, of whom he appears to be a sort of *protégé*. Petty was summoned to this official's room, and without, as he says, any opportunity of explanation, was told that he must apologise to the boy. Petty did not defend his action in boxing the boy's ears, but said that if he was to express regret, the boy must also apologise for being impertinent. That very sensible view of the matter did not commend itself to the chief clerk, who said, "Consider yourself off duty for the present." Petty went away and afterwards received a summons to be at the chief clerk's office on the morning of October 30. When he got there he was told that he was authorised to draw his pay to the following Friday, and was not required at the office again. In other words, he was summarily dismissed, without any sort of an investigation, for at most a very venial offence. Petty thereupon addressed a letter to Mr. Buxton in which he stated the facts as we have given them here, and the letter ends as follows:—

> I was subsequently discharged without due notice, and failed in my request to be permitted to lay my case before Major MacMahon. I was told the latter refused to see me, and on writing to him to confirm this I failed to obtain a reply.
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> Thus my record of seven years' faithful service in the Department is terminated without common justice to me or even legal notice, and my opportunities of obtaining my livelihood seriously retarded.
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> I humbly pray you will assist me to the end that I may obtain such treatment as will fairly meet my case after I myself have been heard by those whose position renders them competent to adjudicate upon it.

Surely that was an appeal to which Mr. Buxton should have listened. This is his reply, as given by Mr. W. J. Marwood, under date November 7th:—

> In reply to your letter of the 31st October regarding your dismissal from the Standards Department, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that they regret that they can see no reason to revise the decision already given.

No reason for revision! Does Mr. Buxton think it just to dismiss a man without listening to his defence? We are sure he does not. We are sure that the letter we have just quoted would never have been written at his direction if he had looked into the case for himself. We venture to ask him to do so even now. He should remember that Petty's future has been seriously compromised by his dismissal. Employers cannot be expected to go into the merits of a case of the kind. It is enough for them that the young man has been dismissed. We are satisfied that the facts are precisely as we have stated them, and we feel sure that, in one way or another, Mr Buxton will see that the wrong that has been done is righted.

## HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CLXVIII.

### DOCTOR'S APPEAL FOR A POOR PATIENT.

We have received the following appeal from a medical man, and recommend it unhesitatingly to our readers who are good enough to help those who seek assistance:—

In July, 1898, F. A. entered the Carriage Department of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and earned on an average between £2 and £3 per week. In August, 1899, he met with an injury while at work to his left hand. The wound healed fairly rapidly, but eventually, in 1899, tubercular disease of the small bones of the hand developed at the site of the old injury. This progressed until in 1902 F. A. was admitted into Guy's Hospital, and 7 pieces of diseased bone were removed from the hand. Up to the time of the operation F. A. had been acting as "temporary book-keeper" at the Arsenal on half-pay. Early in 1904 his hand had healed, but was useless. However, he managed to obtain a light job at the Arsenal. In May, 1904, he was handed his discharge on the reduction of the staff. His character was marked "Exemplary." Now comes the rub. From that day to this the Government have refused to help their employé, who was incapacitated as the result of an accident while in their service. Nor is this all. In 1905 F. A. began to show signs of disease in his spine, and in 1906 a doctor on the staff at Guy's Hospital diagnosed his condition as tubercular disease of his vertebræ. I consider his condition indirectly the result of his original accident. When F. A. first came under my care at the Dispensary in the early part of this year, his state was pitiable. He was suffering intense pain in his back, which was very "humped." He dragged himself about day by day doing odd jobs to try and get together a little money with which to keep his wife and three small children in food. His weekly income averaged about 7s. and out of this 3s. 6d. went in rent. F. A. is now in the St. John and St. Mary Hospital, St. John's Wood, and has been for some months in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, on my recommendation. He is making good progress, but will need some months' more careful treatment. Meanwhile his poor wife is trying to keep herself and her children on the few shillings allowed her weekly by the Guardians. Much furniture has had to be sold in order to keep them in the necessities of life. The man and his wife are highly respectable, very plucky, and thoroughly honest. They are both abstainers. What I am appealing for on behalf of my poor patient, whom I have found it a great pleasure to help, is a little money to enable the mother to buy some warm clothing for her children, who are very weakly, for the coming winter, and also for the purpose of providing a small "nest-egg" with which to buy extra nourishing food for her second boy, who is constantly in bed with severe bronchitis and asthma, and who, unless due care be taken and nourishing food provided, will, I am afraid, develop consumption.

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We have received the following amounts, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:

CLXIII.—"Rifleman," 5s.; K. and G., 1s.

CLXIV.—K. and G., 1s.

CLXV.—K. and G., 1s.

CLXVI.—R. C., 1s.; G. E. F., 2s.; K. and G., 1s.; G. E. S., 2s.

CLXVII.—G. H. P. B., 5s.; W. G. B., 5s.; W. and D., 1s.; "West Stanley," 2s. 6d.; E. J. B., 2s. 6d.; "Anon," 2s. 6d.; "Male Nurse," 20s.; E. B., 5s.; E. J. O., 2s. 6d.; U. C., 1s.; "Belfast," 5s.; "Joben," 20s.; B. B. Y., 2s.; K. and G., 1s.

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With reference to Human Document CLXVII., which, it will be remembered, was the appeal of a blind nurse for help, Mr. Astor Boisselier writes to us to say that he is willing to agree, provided that 49 others of our readers will undertake the same responsibility, to subscribe £1 per annum towards this poor woman's maintenance, or, in the alternative, if twenty-five of our readers will subscribe £2 per annum, Mr. Boisselier will undertake to subscribe a similar sum for the purpose—or if it were found possible to keep her in a home at a smaller cost, Mr. Boisselier's offer might be reduced in a similar proportion. We shall be glad to hear from readers in response to this very kind offer.

## "JOHN BULL'S" COLLECTING BOXES.

### FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR "HUMAN DOCUMENT" DERELICTS.

We are happy to state that, in response to our recent appeal, nearly 250 tradespeople have already expressed their willingness to accept our collecting boxes for the benefit of our "Human Document" cases, and we shall be glad to hear from any other kindly-disposed person who may be prepared to do likewise. The boxes will be periodically cleared, and their contents regularly announced in this column.

# THE TYRE TRUST.

## HOW MANUFACTURERS SWINDLE THE DEALERS.

By Sydney Jackson.

Certain of the big manufacturers of tyres have resolved to crush all competing firms and all small dealers out of existence. They are proceeding on the usual lines in regard to the first, simply cutting prices. All tyre manufacturers are joining in the price war, and the following comparative figures show the extent which this phase of the struggle has reached. The figures are taken from the catalogues of a leading company, issued at the beginning of the year and October 1st, 1911.

| Section. | Diameter. | Square Tread Covers. Jan. 1, 1911. | Square Tread Covers. Oct. 1, 1911. |
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| | 810 | 5 8 0 | 3 10 3 |
| | 840 | 5 13 0 | 3 13 0 |
| | 870 | 5 17 0 | 3 15 9 |
| | 910 | 6 3 0 | 4 0 0 |
| | 1,010 | 7 0 0 | 4 9 0 |
| | 1,070 | 7 3 0 | 4 18 0 |
| 105 .... | 765 | 0 15 0 | 4 11 9 |
| | 815 | 7 5 0 | 4 19 0 |
| | 875 | 7 17 0 | 5 6 3 |
| | 915 | 8 4 0 | 5 12 6 |
| 120 .... | 820 | 8 13 0 | 5 18 0 |
| | 850 | 8 19 0 | 6 3 3 |
| | 880 | 9 5 0 | 6 7 9 |
| | 920 | 9 14 0 | 6 14 0 |
| | 1,020 | 10 19 0 | 7 11 3 |
| 135 .... | 895 | 10 12 0 | 7 5 0 |
| | 935 | 11 5 0 | 7 13 0 |

The prices given above are simply those of square tread covers for cars, but as inner tubes and other covers show similar reductions they are quite sufficient as examples. The actual reduction in price during the last nine months is about 30 per cent. all round. The Tyre Company no doubt know their own business best, but it is a certain fact that if they can make a profit at present prices they must have been overcharging their customers at the beginning of the year, even allowing for the fact that there has been some decline in rubber prices. Other makers' catalogues show almost as striking a decline, and I have no hesitation in asserting that it is impossible to sell such tyres at such a price at a profit.

### When the Squeeze Will Come.

That firm or combination of tyre manufacturers which has the capital to enable it to trade without profit longer than its rivals must inevitably secure the market, and once that is done it can easily recoup itself for any loss which it may have sustained in the fight. Then the public will have to pay and to ensure that when that glad day arrives no one but themselves shall take a farthing of profit, the big tyre companies are pursuing a policy of persecution against tyre dealers which is scandalous.

Here is one of their favourite methods:—

The majority of tyre manufacturers when supplying the ordinary dealer allow him a discount of 12½ per cent. from the list price. He gets a further 5 per cent. if he pays for the goods within seven days, and at the end of the financial year, generally October, he is entitled to a rebate of 9 per cent. on the value of all his purchases.

This rebate often amounts to a very large sum indeed, a sum which, with the ruinous competition now proceeding, manufacturers cannot well afford and do not like to pay. Accordingly, they try every sort of trick to entrap the unfortunate dealer into committing some offence against the rules which govern the sale of tyres.

### Trapping Tyre Retailers.

It is strictly enjoined that no tyre supplied to a dealer shall be sold below the list price. This is a price, of course, which gives the dealer a very good profit indeed, amounting in all to 26½ per cent. of the total outlay; but the big tyre manufacturers do not like to think that anybody makes such a profit, and accordingly, knowing that a man can afford to forego some of this profit, they set traps to induce him to sell a tyre below list price. Should they succeed, they at once refuse to pay him his rebate, or to supply him further with their tyres.

One of the firms most closely connected with the desire to establish a rubber trust spends as much as £20,000 in a year on the employment of scouts, whose duty it is to trap the unsuspicious trader into breaking this rule as to the price at which tyres may be sold. These scouts are employed in many ways. Some are disguised as clergymen, others are made up as Piccadilly Johnnies, and all of them ape, to some extent, the fool.

All of them pretend that they know nothing at all about the motor business, but they endeavour by every artful trick of which they can think to entrap the unfortunate retail tyre merchant into a slip.

### Tyre Trouble—for the Agent.

There is nothing of honesty about their methods. The favourite dodge is to have tyre trouble with a car very near to the garage of a man who is going to ask for the return of a large sum as rebate—a sum, by the way, which he has justly earned, according to his agreement with the tyre manufacturers. They will drop into the garage in question and calmly ask for new tyres, and when the man produces them and starts to fit them on, they will, with assumed silliness, ask what discount is going to be given off the list.

When the dealer informs them he is not allowed to give any discount at all, they will express their surprise and astonishment, and say that they cannot understand it, as they always get some discount, if it is only 2½ per cent. When the dealer protests that he dare not give it, they will calmly say that they won't have his tyres, as they really could not think of paying his extortionate prices. Sometimes it happens that the garage proprietor, having already started on the work of putting on the new tyres, succumbs. He can afford the 2½, and regarding the man as an obstinate greenhorn who doesn't know much about motors but thinks himself clever at driving a bargain, he gives way. Straight away, the scout—for such he is—goes back to his employers with the bill, and when at a later date the dealer sends in for his rebate, he is met with the statement and evidence that he has broken his agreement, and accordingly has lost the commission.

### An Actual Experience.

Here is an actual experience of a very big dealer in cars and tyres. He advertised a cheap second-hand car for sale, the price in the advertisement being fixed at £70. Two days afterwards a man called round and asked to see the car. He expressed his approval, and took it for a run round. On his return he said that he would give £60 for the car. After a long wrangle, he agreed to split the difference, and give £65, paying cash. When this had been agreed to, he said he wanted new tyres. Some were brought forward, but he said, "No, I don't want them. I want —— Company's tyres." They were brought, and fitted on, and he then insisted that he was entitled to some consideration in the matter of discount on them.

The dealer protested, and said it was absolutely impossible, but the customer pointed out that he was taking an old second-hand car off his hands for cash and was surely entitled to some consideration. "Let me," said he, "think I'm getting something a little bit cheap, if it is only a little bit. Give me 2½ off. It is only a matter of a few shillings, and everybody does it."

After a lot more wrangling, the garage proprietor agreed to this, and the man took the car away. This particular dealer's rebate, due from the company whose tyres he had sold to this man, amounted in October to £1,500 for the year, and when the proper time came he wrote to the company and asked for this sum. But they, in reply, declined to pay a farthing, and pointed out in response to his protest that he had sold tyres below the list price. When he demanded particulars, they gave him the details of the tyres he had sold on the occasion referred to above, and are still persisting in their refusal to pay him the £1,500 or any part of it.

The man who had bought the second-hand car was a scout of the tyre makers in question, and the whole business was a deliberate trap, so that the dealer has been cheated of £1,500 for the sake of a few shillings.

This is a typical instance of the methods of the tyre manufacturer, and though it is to be feared that the dealer has no remedy in law, it is to be hoped that he will seek the publicity of the courts.

## FROM FATHER TO SON.

### HOW THE GRIMSBY GUARDIANS APPOINTED THEIR RATE-COLLECTOR.

A few weeks ago the Grimsby Guardians accepted the resignation of their Poor Rate Collector for the Parish of Great Grimsby, Mr. Thomas Lamming. Thus a new appointment had to be made, and of a truth no time was lost in making it. Indeed, some of the members were a little surprised when, at their meeting on October 23rd, they were invited to consider the qualifications of Mr. John Lamming, son of their retiring collector, and Mr. T. A. Shackles, another collector under the Board.

Councillor Oliver Best—good man—was all for taking things less hurriedly. He protested that the appointment—worth £300 a year—should be thrown open to public competition and duly advertised. The chairman, Alderman W. Southworth, speedily disposed of this paltry objection by remarking, "It is not necessary to advertise it." Then, after a few further feeble bickerings, the chairman gave his weighty support to Mr. John Lamming upon, as he so truly observed, "very cogent grounds." Mr. Thomas Lamming had served them for thirty-six years, he remarked. He retired without any pension or superannuation, having contracted out. "I think," went on the chairman, in feeling tones, "that is one of the greatest reasons why we should consent to the appointment of his son." Here some of the Guardians were so foolish as to laugh, while Mr. Cordon so far forgot himself as to speak of "municipal jobbery" and Mr. John Lamming being put forward until he succeeded to all the valuable appointments his father held.

The importunate Councillor Best then rose with further propositions as to the collector's salary being only £250 a year, rising to £300, and to the collector devoting his whole time to the work. He was prevailed upon to defer all this to the next meeting—until after the appointment had been made.

Then the Board voted. The miserable pretensions of Mr. Shackles were quashed to the tune of thirty-eight votes to eleven.

And so we come to the next meeting.

This time there was a recommendation from a special committee that Mr. John Lamming's salary should be £270 a year, rising in two annual jumps of £20 to £310. Also an office was to be provided for him.

Councillor Best was up to time with his amendment that the salary should be £270, rising by £5 a year to £300. But first he was anxious to have it settled that the collector should devote his whole time to the work, backed up by Canon Hawkins, who thought it "abominable" to give a man a fine salary and then allow him to do other work. Here, however, arose an obstacle, in the person of Mr. C. Jeffs, who was presiding in Alderman Southworth's absence. He ruled that Councillor Best should give notice of his amendment. "Then I can't move an amendment to a resolution?" exclaimed Councillor Best. "Not that one," replied the chairman firmly, at which there was some unseemly mirth.

Eventually the meeting adopted the committee's recommendation as to salary. Councillor Best, still undaunted, accepted the chairman's advice that he should defer his question as to whole time work until the next meeting.

And so we find him a fortnight later with his resolution on the agenda. But no, Alderman Southworth was again too much for him. He had been legally advised, he remarked genially, that the course he was about to take was the right one. He proposed to ask the meeting to vote as to whether they wished to discuss the matter further or not. And, amid protesting murmurs from Councillor Best and his supporters, this was done. Twenty voted in favour of having the discussion; twenty-one against.

There were some indignant protests anent "tyranny" and "sacrifice of principle"; Councillor Best complained that he had been advised to postpone his question, and then was not allowed to bring it forward to no purpose.

Finally the latter undertook to lay the whole business before the Local Government Board.

And so we will take our leave of the Grimsby Board of Guardians, happy in the assurance that Mr. John Lamming has succeeded his father, that in two years' time he will be getting £310 a year, and that he can do as much outside work as he can manage to get hold of.

## "GOD'S ENGLISHMAN."

*(Mr. Norman Tiptaft's recent article on this subject has brought us many communications, from which we select the following from "Looker-On.")*

### BILL SMITH'S POLITICS.

Mr. Norman Tiptaft, in his excellent article in a recent issue, asks, "What would happen if all the 'Bill Smiths' concentrated their attention on getting food, clothing and shelter?" He says he "wonders," but, judging by the insight of his article, I think he could supply the answer if he wished to do so. The answer of course is—*They'd get it.*

As one who knows "Bill Smith" and prefers his acquaintance to that of his political "friends" may I express the opinion that this is exactly what "Bill Smith" *is* beginning to do, and that when he *does* "throw the politicians overboard" he will not make the mistake of overlooking those of the "Business" variety? Truth thrives in strange places, and houses of three rooms in which thirteen people live may be fruitful for other things than dirt and disease.

In these very slums to-day you will meet men who talk of these matters in the language of Spencer—men who by sheer weight of knowledge would be dangerous opponents in debate against the didactic savant of "economics."

Bill Smith may not have the power of understanding that these have, but he has quite enough intellect to begin to grasp a few fundamental facts, and though he may not have the ability to express his ideas intelligently in so many words—he *is* grasping things rapidly.

He is beginning instinctively to ask himself, "Why am I poor?"—and to answer, "Because I work for *wages*." "Is it possible to get rich by working?" "No! because the rich do not work—they appropriate, whereas I who work can scarcely get the necessities to keep me alive."

This is the point where Mr. Tiptaft begins to speculate what would happen. It is also the point where Bill Smith has begun to concentrate his attention on getting food, clothing and shelter, and to realise that his "business" is to *prevent* others governing. But why does Mr. Tiptaft say, "If *all* the Bill Smiths" concentrate their attention on this object? Suppose half of them do, or even a quarter?

To those who are scanning the papers in vain for logical conclusions in connection with Labour "unrest," I would suggest consideration of these few remarks.

## REGISTRATION OF PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE.

### A WARNING TO TRAVELLERS.

The London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company were recently sued by a lady in the Southwark County Court for £6, the value of an ostrich plume. The lady stated that in January she left Victoria Station for Paris, and included in her luggage was a hat decorated with an ostrich plume. The package was registered at Victoria Station, and on arriving in Paris it was discovered that the plume had been cut away from the hat.

In giving judgment for the railway company, the Judge said: "One of the regulations of the railway company was that they would not hold themselves responsible for any goods missing while carried by other companies. In the present case the plaintiff had not proved whether the plume was lost between London and Dieppe or on the French railways." This is not surprising, as passengers are mostly under the impression that the registration holds good to their destination, and further it is not till they reach their destination that they become aware that any of their luggage has been lost, and of course it is then impossible for them to prove on which railway the loss occurred, and hence they cannot recover compensation.

The present system of registration is absolutely futile.

## "INDIAN STUDENTS AND ENGLISH GIRLS."

*We regret that pressure upon our space has compelled us to hold over extracts from the many interesting letters we have received in reference to the recent article under this heading. We hope, however, to give them in our next issue.*

## THE "PRUDENTIAL" DEBACLE.

### QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT—SHARES FOR SALE.

The Prudential directors are now looking to the Insurance Bill to recoup the Company for the cash we are compelling them to pay out to holders of illegal policies.

An "Approved" Society.

The following circular is now being distributed amongst policyholders:—

Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd.
Holborn Bars, London.
National Insurance Bill.

The Prudential Assurance Company is making arrangements for the formation of an Approved Society in connection with the scheme of National Health Insurance contained in the National Insurance Bill now before Parliament.

The object is that all who come within the scope of the Bill may have the same facilities and advantages in connection with sickness insurance as policyholders in the Prudential Assurance Company now enjoy in respect of their existing assurances, and full particulars will be made public so soon as the Bill becomes law.

In the meantime policyholders and others concerned are strongly advised not to pledge themselves in any way until information as to the advantages which the Prudential Approved Society will be able to offer to its members has been laid before them.

A. C. Thompson, } *Joint*
Fredk. Schooling, } *Managers.*

*November*, 1911.

There is something naïve in the prospect held out to those who will come within the scope of the Insurance Bill, of having "the same facilities and advantages in connection with sickness insurance as policyholders in the Prudential Assurance Company now enjoy in respect of their existing assurances."

The Chancellor's Innocence.

As intimated last week, we questioned the Chancellor of the Exchequer a few days ago as to his knowledge of the irregularities and frauds of which the Prudential has been convicted. And here is the reply, delivered by Mr. McKinnon Wood:—

> My right hon. friend, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, met in conference representatives of Friendly Societies and other bodies interested in the Bill, including a representative of the Prudential Assurance Company. As regards the allegations made in the second part of the question, he has no information beyond that supplied to him by the hon. member. Certain conditions are laid down in the Bill with which it is necessary to comply in order to become an approved society: subject to these conditions it will be for the Insurance Commissioners to deal with individual applications for approval.

—Typical of the official mind under the Party system!

We have, accordingly, given notice of a further question—namely, whether the Chancellor "will accept an amendment to the National Insurance Bill making it one of the conditions of becoming an Approved Society that such Society should not be in any way connected with any existing Assurance Company which has been convicted of irregularities and frauds in connection with its general business."

Shares Still Being Hawked.

We have before us another circular—from Messrs. S. R. Bunt and Co., of 14, Union Court, Old Broad Street, offering "for sale in one or more lots to suit purchasers," fifty shares in the Prudential Company. They are described as an "excellent investment yielding over 5 per cent., and the purchaser is to have the current year's dividend thrown in and also to get the shares transferred to him free of brokerage." Evidently somebody is anxious to unload.

*WHAT IS YOUR NUMBER?*
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## IMAGINARY INTERVIEW.

By Walter Moore.

### THE RT. HON. ANDREW BONAR LAW.

"I may certainly congratulate you on your rapid advance in public life, and the left-handed honour your party have done you in selecting you for their chief," I opened.

"Why 'left-handed'?" demanded Mr. Bonar Law.

"Is it necessary to go into that?" I retorted. "Is it not common knowledge that you have been chosen only because it was found impossible to decide between the rival claims of Austen Chamberlain and Walter Long? It is not unlikely that you will prove a more efficient leader than either. My one regret is, that as a leader you have no definite goal."

"What!" cried Mr. Bonar Law, "no definite goal? What about Tariff Reform?"

"My good sir," I replied, "surely you do not call the question of a revision of Customs dues a great political principle? It is no more than an economic incident in the life of the nation. It is a business proposition, susceptible of solution without appeal to the passions of political partisans. I ask you, what is the goal towards which you hope to lead your followers?"

"Well, there is the solidarity of the Empire, for one thing," returned Mr. Bonar Law, manifestly ill at ease.

"That is the declared aim of all parties," I reminded him; "excepting, of course, the extreme Socialists."

"Social reform is one of the planks of our platform," added Mr. Bonar Law.

"We are getting plenty of that—of a sort—from the Radical party," I retorted. "Have you no distinctive political gospel to preach?"

"Hang it all!" cried the new leader, "surely you know what is the chief aim of the Conservative party?"

"Unfortunately, I do," I replied. "It is to oppose all the legislation, good or bad, utterly irrespective of its merits, introduced by the Liberal party. It is a policy of negation."

Mr. Bonar Law was silent—musing.

"Suppose," I continued, "your party are returned to power at the next General Election—whenever that may be—you will only continue the old game, the old tricks, the old struggle for personal aggrandisement. Disgusted onlookers, sick of the ever-recurring spectacle, will say, 'Here's the hoary old party farce again, like "Charley's Aunt,' still running.'"

"You are not giving me a very encouraging send-off," complained Mr. Bonar Law.

"One must not study personal feelings when such great issues are at stake," I replied. "You must admit the truth of the picture I have drawn. Now compare it with the policy of a Business Government, which, although not yet represented in the House of Commons by the solid phalanx it will show ere long, is gaining thousands of converts throughout the Kingdom day by day. The idea of a Business Government embodies a definite, plain, straightforward, commonsense policy, which must appeal to every man and woman of intelligence who will clear their mind for a moment of political cant. A truly democratic franchise; the right man in the right place in all Government Departments; the remodelling on Business lines of the public services; the abolition of obsolete, useless, and wasteful Parliamentary forms; the regulation of tariffs on business lines, according to the needs of the industries concerned; the certificate of citizenship; and the restoration of some of the personal freedom and liberty of action (with proper safeguards) which have been filched from His Majesty's subjects by recent grandmotherly legislation. Think it over."

## "MAKING THE CAP FIT."

### AN INGENIOUS AND FASCINATING PUZZLE FOR "JOHN BULL" READERS.

One of our readers has invented a most ingenious puzzle which consists of the heads of "John Bull" and "Mrs. Bull" without their hats. These portraits are printed at the top of a sheet of paper containing six square openings, below which are printed the two hats. The puzzle consists of so folding the paper so as to "make the cap fit." In other words, to bring John and Mary's hats upon their respective heads simultaneously. When you once start the puzzle you will be unable to leave it. We shall insert one of the puzzles in each copy of next week's issue—so order early, as there will doubtless be an exceptional demand.

# WONDERFUL EYESIGHT DISCOVERY.

## EVERYBODY SAYS "MARVELLOUS!"

### John Levison, the Famous Specialist, Inundated with Applications for Particulars of His Wonderful Method Which Restores Perfect Sight.

### EXPLANATORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE SO THAT EVERY EYESIGHT SUFFERER CAN HAVE A FREE COPY.

The great enthusiasm aroused by the public announcement of Mr. John Levison, the eyesight specialist, and the extraordinary success attending his new treatment for the weak-sighted is really wonderful.

Those who have gone about "half-sighted," wearing hideous, disfiguring glasses, are naturally delighted to hear that they can now be made to see clearly, and, for the first time perhaps in their lives, enjoy the most necessary of human senses.

Dr. G. Lindsay Johnson, the great British scientific authority, a few days ago said:—"There are in Great Britain and Ireland 43,000,000 people, of whom at least 22,000,000 require spectacles, and had required them or would require them at some period."

Mr. John Levison has made public his eyesight discovery at this opportune time.

#### GLASSES CAN BE DISCARDED.

More gratifying than anything else is the fact that he offers to these twenty-two million of eyesight sufferers not the temporary and disfiguring aid of spectacles, but the means of curing the trouble that makes glasses necessary.

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Anyone who has weak eyesight need only send the complimentary coupon below,

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If any of the symptoms in the following list apply to you, send at once for the book which explains exactly the simple, gentle manner in which you may be restored to perfect sight without the use of glasses.

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3. **Failing of short sight.**
4. **Blurring.**
5. **Twitching eyes.**
6. **Hot eyes**
7. **Watery eyes.**
8. **Discharging eyes.**
9. **Unequal power of eyes.**
10. **Aching eyes.**
11. **Red and inflamed eyes.**
12. **Eyesight headache.**

Mr. John Levison will himself see personally any callers at his consulting-rooms, 19, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.; but to avoid delay the best plan is to send the coupon below for the printed particulars referred to. The Levison method is so simple that you can carry it out entirely at home. It must be said here that one of the greatest advantages of the Levison method is its small cost.

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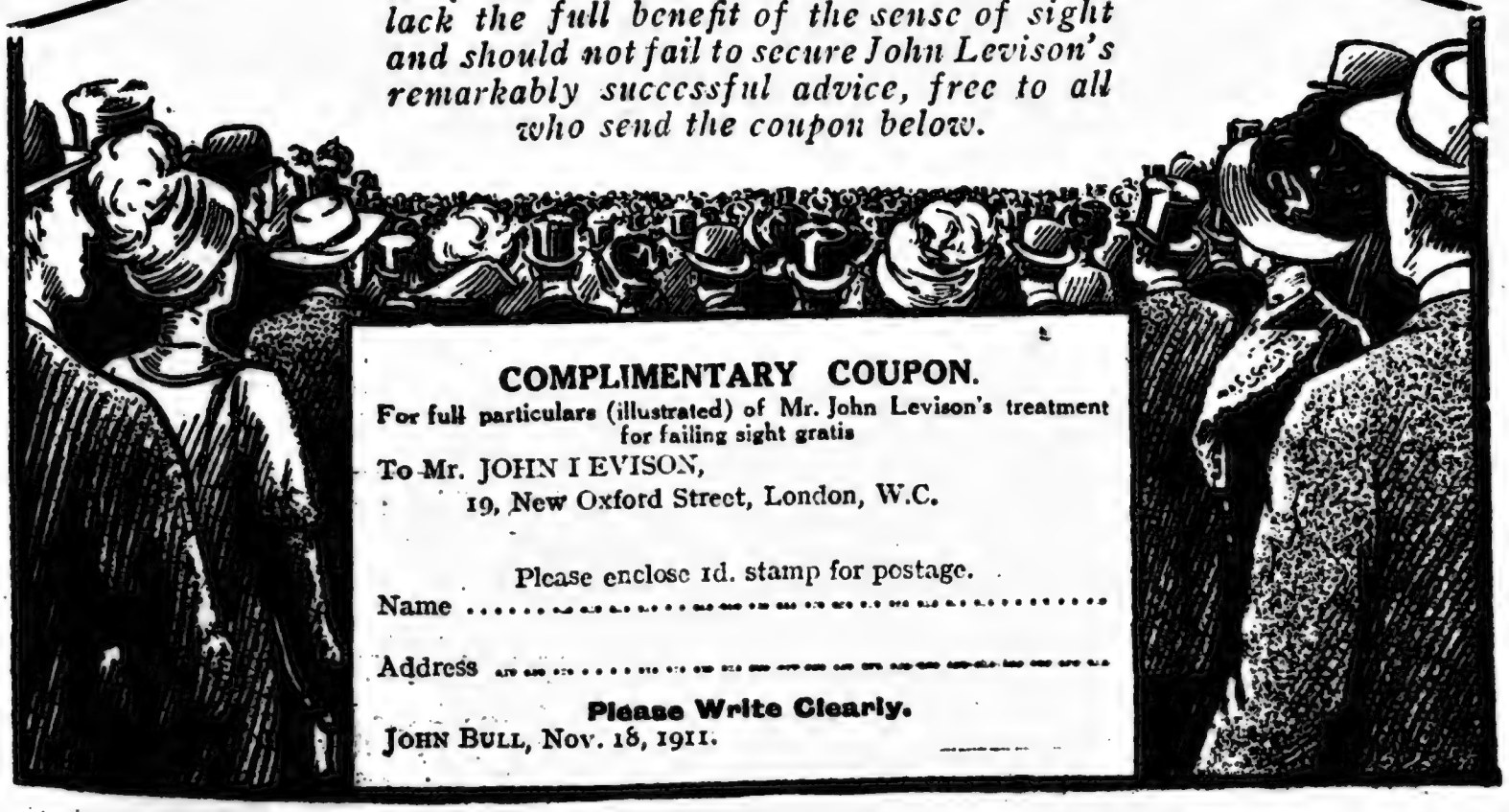

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JOHN BULL, Nov. 18, 1911.

## "DRIFTING TOWARDS——?"

### PECULIAR ACTION OF THE LUNACY COMMISSIONERS.

We direct the very serious attention of our readers to the following letter from a medical man who, for obvious reasons, does not wish his name to be disclosed. He keeps a home for the mentally afflicted, and he tells us that he had a lady with him who came to him as a certified lunatic. She was so little of a lunatic that it was doubtful whether a medical attendant would renew the certificate, and he appears to have done so with considerable hesitation. After it expired her friends, "for reasons of their own," wished her to be re-certified. A doctor was called in, but refused to certify her as insane, and then our correspondent was asked to find a less scrupulous medical man. He refused, and the lady was removed. Within a month, as he tells us, the Lunacy Commissioners wrote to him saying that the lady has been certified, and twitted him for what they apparently considered his over-scrupulousness. And so the lady, who is in his opinion perfectly sane, is detained against her will, detained because relatives wish to have her detained. Further comment is surely needless.

I have read with interest your comment on this case and on the question of the right of the man's detention at Hadleigh and not in an asylum.

Perhaps I may be able to assist you a little, as I have worked for many years amongst the sane and the insane. The question of insanity and its treatment is a very serious one.

In your article you clearly show how absolutely untrustworthy is the medical certificate, and yet on the certificate of two medical men anyone can be certified as insane by the desire of their friends. I will give you a case that shows what I mean.

A lady was residing in my home who came as a certified lunatic. When she came there was at first a doubt as to whether her medical attendant would renew the certificate, which is necessary when a lunatic changes his or her place of residence. There was, however, considered to be sufficient to justify further detention for a time.

Later the certificate expired, and the lady was at liberty either to leave or not, as she liked. She was comfortable where she was, and refused to leave despite my frequently asking her to go out and seek other walks.

After some time her friends, for reasons of their own, wished her to be re-certified and instructed me to get this done. Although I could see little justification, I called a doctor in to examine her. He refused to certify her insane. I was then told to get another doctor to do it. This I refused, and advised the friends to remove the lady, which in due course was done.

Within a month of her removal, I received a letter from the Lunacy Commission, telling me the lady had been re-certified, and rather twitting me because I had not done it.

May I ask you, Sir, by what right people are certified by one or two doctors and then shut up in an asylum? If it is possible to cure insanity, is it right to shut the insane in a big building, some of whose inmates are mildly insane, and some violently so? Surely this would seem rather the way to increase the mischief!

In my opinion—and I believe in the opinion of many other doctors—the treatment of insanity must be entirely altered soon. Prevention is better than cure. Then why is it not prevented? Preventive medicine is slowly awakening, and when once it is strong enough to stand alone, the world will be much brighter and happier.

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## BILLS THAT OUGHT TO BE PASSED.

### THE COURTING IN PUBLIC PLACES BILL.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS all the world loves a lover, provided the said lover comports him or herself with due decorum; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the race that the conduct of lovers in public places shall not be of a character to amuse, disgust, startle, or alarm passers-by or persons in their vicinity, and thus bring into disrepute the sweet romance of youthful courtship:

THE BILL.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1.—From and after the First day of January, 1912, any courting couple committing any or all of the following acts in any public place within the meaning of this Act (see Clause 2), to wit:—

(*a*) Exchanging and wearing one another's hats;

(*b*) Walking with one or both arms around one another's waists (if any) or necks;

(*c*) Kissing one another, whether on the hand, cheek, nose, eyes, lips, ears, eyebrows, neck or chin;

(*d*) Addressing one another in audible tones by any or all of the following terms of endearment:—Darling, duck, ducky, ducksie-wucksie, sweet, sweetest, sweetheart, peach, love, lovey, precious, kiddie, gem, dear, dearest, own, owrest, popsie-wopsie, scrumptious one, girlie, and/or angel;

(*e*) Looking into one another's eyes without due regard to the comfort and safety of other foot-passengers;

(*f*) Standing silent in the shadow of any bush, shrub, tree, fence, gateway, wall, hedge, or other screening object, to the sudden terror of any of His Majesty's faithful lieges who may come upon the said couple unaware;

(*g*) Holding one another's hands and making goo-goo eyes;

shall be liable to summary arrest, and upon being brought before a magistrate and convicted, may be sentenced to a fine of not more than forty shillings, or in default seven days' imprisonment without hard labour.

2.—The places wherein the committing of the aforesaid acts shall be deemed an offence include any road, street, lane, alley, parade, promenade, pathway, public park, garden or recreation ground, beach or common, provided always that the said place or places be lighted by oil, gas, or electricity. Places not so lighted not to come under the purview of this Act.

3.—Any male detected in the act of going down on his knee or knees to any girl, woman, or other female person, in any place within the meaning of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against public order, and if brought before a magistrate and convicted, may be sentenced to a month's hard labour without the option of a fine.

4.—Any male discovered serenading in any public place within the meaning of this Act, any girl, woman, or other female person by the aid of any musical instrument, whereby the public peace be broken and the domestic animals in the neighbourhood be excited to emulate the said sounds, to the manifest uneasiness and distraction of His Majesty's faithful lieges, shall be deemed guilty of a criminal offence, and upon being arrested and charged before a magistrate may be sentenced to not more than seven years' and not less than two years' penal servitude.


## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

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   (Observe, Sandow's Cocoa is absolutely pure cocoa. There is no admixture of any drug, and sleep is induced in a natural way.)

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In his boyhood Mr. Sandow was a weakling. The statues of ancient Grecian athletes fired his ambition to attain the perfection of olden time health and strength.

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The whole world, therefore, will be interested to learn of the origin of his new Health and Strength Cocoa.

Mr. Sandow's experience with tens of thousands of patients afflicted with almost every form of disease and weakness forced him to the conclusion that the work of Health Reparation could be very considerably aided dietetically.

**MR. EUGEN SANDOW,**
*the famous Health Expert, who has recently introduced to the British public a new "Drink-Diet" in the form of an Improved New Cocoa—Sandow's Health and Strength Cocoa—at the popular price of 7½d. for a ½ lb. tin (¼ lb. 1s. 3d.; 1 lb. 2s. 6d.).*

His profound knowledge of food values helped him to select the most suitable article for this purpose, and he chose Cocoa, the enormous possibilities of which had always been apparent to him.

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#### ITS VALUE TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WITH WORK TO DO.

There are workers to-day who are only half workers. Some are three-quarter workers. Others are only quarter workers. Their output is low because their energy is low They are under-powered because of improper or deficient nourishment.

Anæmia and indigestion are results of deficient nourishment. Mr. Sandow's new Health and Strength Cocoa will help all such low-powered workers.

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## THE "BOOZY" BEE.

By Diogenes.

*(Diogenes is our Licensed Crank, and we do not necessarily associate ourselves with any of his views. Taking as his model the most fearless and unconventional of the old philosophers, he will, from time to time, afford our readers the opportunity of seeing things as he believes his prototype regards them from the Olympian heights.)*

### The Fraudiest of Frauds.

If there is one fraud fraudier than any other fraud it is the bee. True, in corporeal substance her weight is almost infinitesimal; but in degradation, depravity and hypocrisy she can give every other denizen of the animal world a hundred miles start in a hundred miles and an inch, and a good beating at that. I assert this without the least fear of contradiction, and in spite of Dr. Watts and the bee worshipper who disguises his familiar and well-liked name of Lubbock under that of Avebury.

### Maudlin Maeterlinck and Wambling Dr. Watts.

Nor do I care if Maeterlinck has eulogised the bee or written entrancingly her history. His life of the bee is a beautiful work of the imagination, but as regards the real turpitude of the insect, Maeterlinck is as blind to facts as the man who couldn't see wood for trees.

As to Dr. Watts and his question, "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour?" I tell that tiresome divine, brutally and frank, "By getting drunk, Doctor, getting disgustingly, disgracefully drunk."

### The Sot of the Animal Kingdom.

It takes time and training to teach a dog to get drunk, and the man never lived who achieved the feat with a cat. In the animal kingdom one code of laws obtains, and that code says, "Be a murderer, a thief, a glutton, a sluggard, a *débauchée;* be filthy, be anything, but be sober." Now the one disgusting breaker of this law is the bee.

Her alleged industry is sheer bunkum, her business the pursuit of moral and intellectual dipsomania, and as to "improving each shining hour," she behaves in such a manner that if she were a man or an animal of appreciable size she would be ruthlessly exterminated as a foul and loathsome public disgrace.

### The Bee's Early "Gin Crawl."

It is true she gets up and starts out early, but why?

Because she is the world's champion drunkard and has the depraved taste for "booze" born in her.

From the first day of her quitting the hive, when she is barely three weeks old, she is a dipsomaniac, and the rest of her life sees her—should she have been sober enough to find her way home the night before—up as soon as the "pubs" open, palsied, trembling, with a "head" on her, and parched tongue and throat worse than "Dolls'" in "Our Mutual Friend"—prepared to sell her skin for a drink. From early dawn to sundown she is on the soak. Her life is one daily gin crawl, every flower being a public house, and every hour she is able to get about is given up to drink, until she is so intoxicated that she often loses her way home, gets into trouble, or gets slain as a depraved, degraded insect. When the drink-soddened wretch does get home she has a severe attack of vomiting, and this is the honey which foolish people like Dr. Watts have eulogised the bee for collecting.

### An Epicure in Drunkenness.

Much eulogy, indeed, does she merit! She gets rid of the honey only that she may start out on the "razzle dazzle" again next day.

When gorged with drink, bees don't sting any more than the drunkard fights when he reaches a certain stage of intoxication. She is sick, and wallows. But I must admit the bee has a fine assortment of "pubs," all beautifully named, and charmingly situated amidst sylvan scenery. Amongst her favourite "taps" are "The Arabis Alpina," "The Berberis," "The Sloe," "The Broom," "The Crocus," "The Daffodil," "The Flowering Currant," "The Hazel," "The Primrose," "The Snowdrop," "The Single Wallflower," "The Willow," "The Winter Aconite," "The Clover," "The Wild Thyme," "The Heather," and "The Blackberry"—all of which compare favourably with "The Pig and Whistle," or "The Dying Duck," beloved by the human dipsomaniac.

### The Bee's Stupidity.

The bee is a terror to most animals, and has driven even the lordly lion to suicide, but it is consoling to know that one animal gets more than even with her! The blue tit pulls the bee's leg every time, especially in the winter. He taps with his beak at the entrance to the hive and out rush one or two inmates, which the blue tit promptly gobbles, thus proving that the bee is a grossly over-rated insect. If she had any sense she'd build windows and put a mirror at each end, as the Dutch do, and she could then see whether it was an enemy or a pal using her knocker.

### Bee Humbugs.

People talk about women's tongues going "nineteen to the dozen," or being on "oiled hinges," but, thank heaven, they are not like those of the bee! Talk about back-biting! What chance has a woman against an insect that doesn't even keep its tongue in its mouth, but folds it back beneath its head? Heaven aid poor Socrates if Xantippe's tongue worked like the bee's "clacker" on a series of springs and hinges which lengthen or shorten it at will. It isn't a tongue—it's a telescope!

### The Bee as an Example.

I don't think I would have exposed the little pest were it not that one stung me quite recently, just as Dr. Watts came along with his confounded fatuous smile, and blotted out my sunshine with his Nonconformist conscience. I imitate the bee? By all the gods, no! I should have been as bad a poet as Watts and as drink-soddened a beast as Silenus.

Moral: Never sting a philosopher, or believe in the man everyone praises. Even *I* am not perfect.

## "FLOATING HELLS."

### THE LIFE OF THE UNDER-STEWARD.

One of the under-stewards (commonly known as waiters) in the employ of the Royal Mail Steamship Company, sailing to West Indian ports, wishes to draw attention to the treatment received by *his* class. He says that, whether married or single, they get a wage of £3 a month, and an allowance of 10s. per month as clothes money—out of the latter sum having to provide two coats at 17s. 6d. and 6s. 6d., respectively, and a pair of trousers at 9s. 6d.—to say nothing of shirts, boots, washing, etc., etc. They have to rise in the morning at 4.45, scrub the saloon, wait at table for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and wash up all the plates and dishes, finishing at either 9 or 11 p.m. —the longer duty having to be taken alternately.

On Sunday the work is harder than on any other day, as there is a "muster" at 10.30, though the passengers' breakfast is not finished until 10, and the stewards have to wash up, which means that before they have hardly started their own breakfast the second steward bellows out, "All hands to muster!"—then out flock half the waiters, "like a lot of slaves," to dress and to parade the deck for the inspection of the passengers and captain, the former exclaiming, "How beautifully smart and clean the stewards look!" "Yes," says our correspondent, "they do for five minutes. Then the Church bell rings, and one half of them go into the saloon to sit by the captain and sing lovely hymns, and curse their lives, whilst the others are in the pantry washing up the dishes, etc., in order to serve the lunch. Oh, the mockery of Divine Service at sea."

Then, in addition, when the vessel calls at different ports, the waiters have to carry meat, ice, potatoes, fish, etc.—all for the £3 a month.

It is very seldom they get the full 10s. a month for clothes money, as if there is any silver lost, or crockery broken, an amount is deducted from each man's allowance. And then the authorities say the waiters must not ask the passengers for tips!—if they are known to do so they are dismissed from the Company's service.

Complaint is also made of the sleeping accommodation, the bedding being said to be inadequate.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR OUR READERS.

### TIME GETTING SHORT.

We would remind our readers that a large number of seasonable and valuable presents are awaiting such of them as between now and December 13th assist us to further the circulation of this journal. There will be a prize for practically everyone who helps us, so please hurry up. Full particulars will be found on page 733.

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(Ex-Lord Mayor of London).

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**To A. Bonar Law, Esq., M.P., Leader of the Opposition.**

DEAR BONAR LAW,—I do not know whom to congratulate the more—yourself or the Conservative Party—upon your selection as "Leader of the Opposition." So far as the appointment confers honour and distinction upon you personally, I join heartily in the felicitations which will reach you from every section of the House of Commons—where, I am sure, you have never had an enemy.

But there is another aspect of the matter which interests me mightily. You are essentially, and before all things, a Business man—a fact which, with unconscious humour, all the Party papers are now emphasising as one of the chief points in favour of your leadership. Thus it may well be that your advent to authority will mark the birth of a new era in the parliamentary government of the country. It is strange that such a vista should follow so closely on the heels of the East Bristol election; and, taken in conjunction with the changing tone of the Press to which I have just referred and with the Prime Minister's sudden announcement of his intention to remedy the present franchise anomalies, it does really begin to look as though something were about to happen.

Well, you have a wonderful opportunity. The only question is whether Party exigencies will be too strong for you—whether, in fact, as Leader of the Opposition, you will consider it your first—if not your whole, duty to oppose; to oppose anything and everything *because the Government proposes it.* I confess I am not over-sanguine. Still, I shall hope. If only you knew how the country yearns for an end of the old farce! But perhaps you do, for you are a shrewd observer. If you do—well, utilise your new power and position by showing his Majesty's Commons how to manage the affairs of the State on Business lines; make them discard their copy-books and their tracts; make them stop preaching and praying—at any rate during business hours; make them realise that the House of Commons is the Business Board of the Empire, with his Majesty's Ministers the Managing Directors, and every citizen, however humble, a shareholder. Then let us get to work and earn a dividend. At present, the concern is running at terrible loss.

JOHN BULL.

**To W. Clough, Esq., M.P.**

LOWLY WILLIAM,—So you have been at it again. This time it is hitting a man, with your hat, at a public meeting in your admitted endeavour to knock a paper out of his hand! Despite your piteous appeal to the Bench to dismiss the charge, and your loud protestation that you had atoned for your "misdeed" by public and prompt apology, the magistrates fined you five shillings and costs. If you go on like this, your £400 salary will soon be swallowed up. What a specimen of fanatical bigotry you are, to be sure! How on earth the electors of Skipton ever came to send you to Parliament passes my comprehension. Perhaps they wanted to keep you away from Skipton!

JOHN BULL.

**To the Lord Bishop of London.**

RIGHT REV. SIR,—In a recent issue of a daily paper, you are made responsible for the following "true" story: "The father of five girls, feeling ill, had gone to lie down. The youngest girl was sent to bed, but ran from her room calling, 'Come out! There are two angels walking up the staircase.' No one else could then see anything. Later the child again called out: 'Come out! The angels are walking down the staircase, and father is walking between them!' All five girls saw the same thing; and going to their father's room, they found him dead." Don't you think that the reasonable explanation of the "mystery" is that the little girl's mother was also a witness of the "apparition," and the subsequent discovery of father's corpse was only the natural corollary of having seen him walking downstairs with an angel on each arm?

I observe, further, that you told the story of a little girl at a Confirmation service which you were conducting in Westminster Abbey, remarking to her mother "Do you see them, mother—angels on each side of the Bishop?" No wonder you have remained a bachelor!

Joking apart, is not £10,000 a year a little too Much to pay for such clowning?

JOHN BULL.

**To Henry Brigham Douglas Vanderstegen, Esq., J.P., Cave End House, Caversham.**

SIR,—I fear you have not that respect for English law which becomes an English magistrate. A few weeks ago you were summoned and convicted for allowing your pigs—several hundreds of them—to stray upon the highway; now I see you have been hauled up at Caversham Police Court for permitting a dead horse to remain unburied in a field to which dogs and other animals could gain access. Your farm manager explained that you did not know anything about the matter. If you do not know how your farms are managed you ought to know, and you ought to know that this manager, as he said, is "in the habit of keeping the carcases of dead horses on different parts of the estate for the pigs to eat." A policeman who gave evidence, said the carcase had been "practically consumed in three days" by your pigs and some stray dogs.

In imposing a fine of forty shillings and costs, I note the Chairman remarked that it is most disgusting that animals intended for human consumption should be allowed to feed on what are probably diseased carcases, and I agree with him. If this condition of affairs is allowed to go on, sir, the consumption of pork will be solely confined to those who have unwavering confidence in sausages. Imported Chinese pig fed on dead men and dead dogs, and home-grown pig fed on dead horses, will obviously precipitate the day when the pork trade will have to be classed among Mr. Chamberlain's "ruined industries." Meanwhile, this is to inform you that I am unable to recommend the pigs of Vanderstegen.

JOHN BULL.

**To I. Graham, Esq., Chairman, District Council, Harrington.**

BELOVED FRIEND,—Of what a delightful feeling of relief you must be conscious now that dear Mr. White has been appointed Clerk to your Council! As our other dear friend, Mr. Millican, has so aptly said, it is a great tribute to Mr. White that he should have been unanimously elected to this post with the honour of devoting the whole of his time to the duties at a salary—shall I say the handsome salary?—of £50 per annum. I feel confident you will agree with Mr. Millican that Mr. White, during the twelve years he has served the Council as collector, "has been everything that a public official should be, and withal a modest man who will not be likely to suffer from the disease which affects some officials—to wit, swelled head."

There are persons who, on being appointed to the job of Clerk to your distinguished Council at £50 a year, would burst with pride. Their feet would grow too large for their boots and their heads too tremendous for their hats. But in Mr. White, my dear Graham, we have a man after our own heart—a man who will take his salary in the spirit in which it is given, and instead of going swaggering about with it, and living an ostentatious life, will cultivate a humble, lowly, and reverent heart among the community which, through your Council, has lifted him so high above his fellows. I have always said that the hour brings the man; if it isn't Jones it is Robinson, and if it isn't Black it is White. White is the man for Harrington, no doubt of that, and I shall watch his future, as I am sure the Council will watch his salary, with the greatest interest. Pray convey to him my congratulations.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rev. T. C. Hammond, Rector of St. Kevin's, Dublin.**

REV. SIR,—A few lines of congratulation on your appearance in the pulpit of Dolphin's Barn Methodist chapel. I am told that this is the first time a Church of Ireland rector has preached in an Irish Methodist place of worship, but whether this is so or not, all who are looking with hopeful eyes to the future for the union of the churches cannot fail to recognise in you, and your hosts a sense of brotherhood and religious hospitality rare in the war of creeds and sects.

JOHN BULL.

**Music Halls Committee, L.C.C., London.**

Quite right to grant licences for stage plays to London music-halls. Absurd there should be different licences for music-halls and theatres.

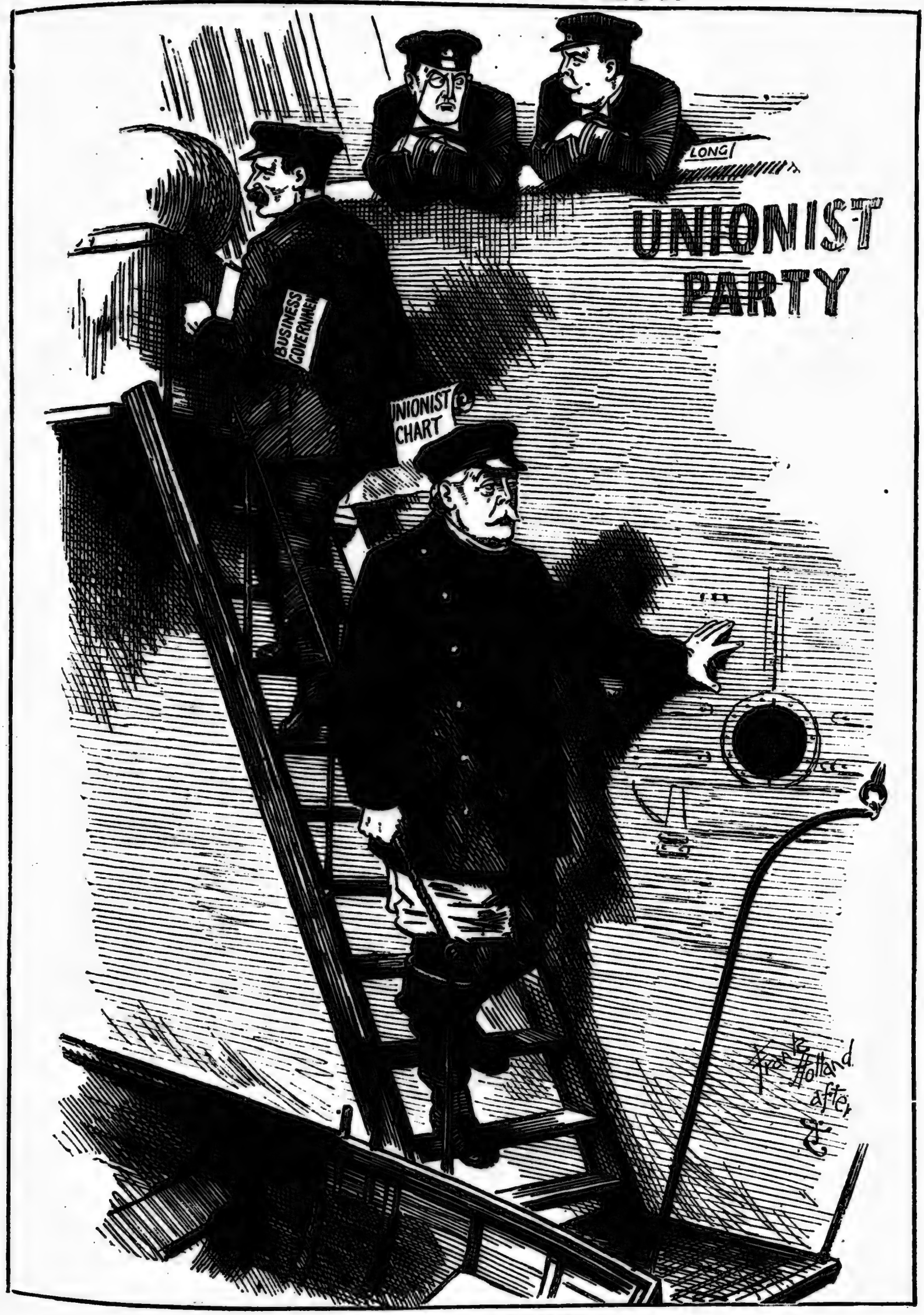
BULL.

**Crown Prince, Potsdam, Prussia.**

Congratulate you on fact your exhibition in Reichstag occurred at time it did, otherwise people would say you had been dining. As it is, many regard you as a puppy and some think you are an ass.

BULL.

# "SWOPPING THE PILOT."




## BALFOUR "*GOES*"!

*(With acknowledgments to "Dropping the Pilot," by Sir John Tenniel.)*

# JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

By Verax.

Monetary prospects are more satisfactory, as Paris has apparently completed its purchase of gold here, and the Bank of England will now have a chance. The home public, however, are still rather reserved, and do not follow yet the example of French investors, who have been buying *Kaffir* shares rather heavily, with the result that the professional "Bears" have been severely punished. *Rhodesians*, too, are looking up, and will no doubt contribute largely to the more general upward movement in the near future. The *Yankee market* is being manipulated in a most dangerous manner, and should at present be left severely alone. *Canadian Pacifics* at about 248 are apparently expected to get a bonus in the next new issue. *Foreign Rails* are fluctuating, and *Consols* are lower, partly on sales by the National Penny Bank, which has thereby successfully withstood a run, and partly on the new Nigerian issue. With regard to the depreciation of what was once the "premier security," it is a thousand pities that the Chancellor of the Exchequer does not take the advice of Mr. Huth Jackson, the President of the Bankers' Institute, to "ask the best brains in the City to suggest a solution of the difficulty." *Home Rails* are moving fitfully, being overshadowed by latent fears of strikes, which prevent investors from laying in stocks, although the yield is excellent and traffics for the week show an increase of £111,000, while for the half-year the increase is £276,000, the decreases caused by the strikes having been more than made up. *Guayaquil and Quito Bonds* are up at 65, owing to the resumption of the daily deposit of Customs' Receipts by the Ecuador Government for their service. *Rubber* shares are moving very irregularly, but *Oil* shares are improving, especially leading Maikops.

### Transvaal October Gold Output—Sharp Rise in Kaffirs and Rhodesians.

A sharp advance in *Kaffirs* which occurred on Paris buying has not been fully maintained, but the tone is much more confident, although the gold output of the Transvaal for October did not mark a fresh record, the figure being 677,923 ozs., against 669,773 in September. The daily output falls, however, short, owing chiefly to an exceptional reduction in the output of the *Wit Deep Mine*. The *Langlaagte Estate* and *Randfontein Central* show considerable increases in the output. *Rand Mines* have firmed up, the December dividend being estimated at 5s. 6d. per share, or 110 per cent., the same as last year. *Oceana Developments* have improved to 7s. 3d. on the following *African World* cable:—"A big rush of alluvial diggers has taken place—many are leaving the Rand for the Mooifontein diggings in the same district of the Transvaal in which the Oceana Development Company is largely interested. *Rhodesians* have also improved, although profit-taking has reduced quotations here and there. *Tanganyika* have recovered on a "Bear" squeeze, but are not likely to hold the improvement. *Chartered* have firmed up to 31s. 3d., and the shares in the new *Planet-Arcturus* Company have improved to ¼ prem. The directors of the *Rhodesia Exploration* Company have assumed full responsibility for the valuation of assets, and it is, therefore, not surprising to learn that the Directors will hold a meeting of shareholders in order to expunge the clause, which is objected to, from the Articles of Association. I stated already on a former occasion that no importance attaches to a similar clause in the Articles of the *Amalgamated Properties*, but as the meeting of shareholders of that company will be held very shortly, the Directors will take the opportunity also in that instance of deleting the clause, while at both meetings they will, of course, be able to fully satisfy the shareholders as regards the excellent value of the properties acquired. *Rhodesia Exploration* are now quoted 2¼, *Amalgamated Props.* 5s. 3d., *Eldorado* 3 9-32, *Falcons* 1¾, *Lonely Reefs* 3½, *Giants* 2⅝, *Globe and Phœnix* 2¼, and at these moderate prices they are again a good purchase. The *Eldorado* is expected in December to pay the usual dividend and a bonus. The *Rhodesia Exploration Company* seems very active, and has jointly with others just completed the purchase of the *Turquoise Mine* in the Gatooma district. *Nile Valley* shares have risen to 7s. 3d., on another report from the manager that No. 9 shaft is still in rich ore, last assays showing values of 1 oz. 18 dwts. to the ton. *Tin* is remarkably strong, and again stands at £193¾, while *Tin Mines* are generally more active. The Secretary of the *Del Monte Mines (Mexico), Limited*, has issued a circular stating, "As the developments at the *Caroline* and the *Belen Mines* are progressing so favourably, and ore is being brought to the surface with a view to commencing regular shipments, the board have now decided to proceed with the developments on the *Excelsior* and *Tescalama* properties, on which the outcrops give high values, at the same time keeping work on the *Caroline* and *Belen* at the highest pressure." A fair business is passing in these shares at 20s. 3d. *Esperanza* are firmer at 1⅛, and *Mexico Mines of El Oro* at 7⅞.

### An Attractive Little Diamond Company.

In view of the present remarkable demand for diamonds and diamond shares, a small company, the shares in which have just been introduced into the market, should prove very attractive. It is the Diamond Proprietary Mines, which owns the Gong Gong Farm of about 3,943 acres, situate about 30 miles north-west of Kimberley, and with a frontage of about three miles on the Vaal River, so that an ample water supply for diamond washing operations is assured. The property is freehold, and subject only to a nominal quit rent, and the shallow or red alluvial extends over large areas on the farm, and is described as as rich as any on the Vaal River. The diamonds found on the farm are of exceptionally fine quality, and on the basis of the Government valuation average for the past three years £4 15s. per carat. The Government returns for the last three and three-quarter years to September 30th, 1910, show a total output from this farm of 15,068 carats of diamonds, valued at £64,154. The last owners of the farm were satisfied with taking their share of claim licenses and various rentals, doing little work, and collecting few diamonds. The area of the farm is sufficient for division into 95,420 claims. It is not likely that the whole of these claims will be taken up at any time, but it is estimated that if this were so, the revenue from half-claim licences at £1 10s. per annum would amount in the aggregate to £143,130. It is stated, however, that a very small proportion of the farm being taken up in claims would bring to the company a very substantial revenue without any outlay on its part. The output for the first six months of the present year shows an increase on the previous year, the figures being 1,498 carats, valued at £9,977. It is the intention of the company to commence prospecting operations with a view to working other portions of the property, and arrangements have been made to work a small area, known locally as the "Pot Hole" on a royalty basis. That piece of ground has for years enjoyed the reputation of being one of the richest plots on the Vaal River. The capital is very moderate—viz., £50,000, in 200,000 shares of 5s. each, of which 40,000 are set aside for working capital. The shares are being dealt in at 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d., and look like going considerably higher.

### Discrimination in Oil Shares—Maikops still to have their Turn—Important Developments and Good Prospects.

I am glad to see that investors who do not mind a certain spice of speculation in order to obtain potential yields, are devoting renewed attention to oil shares, and I am more than glad that they are exercising discrimination. True, the purchases have not so far extended much to the Maikop division, but I am now in a position to give my readers very important information which is bound to have its effect in the long run. In the first place, the *International Maikop* has struck oil on Plot 108 at a depth of over 2,000 feet. The significance of this strike will be estimated from the fact that it is some twelve miles away from the original fountain source, and that, therefore, the Maikop field must be of even greater extent than at first supposed. Then, again, I understand that the *Maikop Victory* and the *Black Sea* have new wells on the same plots where the existing wells are situated. These new wells are at present bailing wells, but it would not be surprising if they became gushers, and it is significant to note that last week's outputs showed a fair increase. Further, I have reason for stating that, following the *Maikop Victory* dividend announcement, the *Black Sea Oilfields* is about to declare a dividend of 7 per cent. on its preference shares, and also a dividend on the ordinary at the end of the present financial year. The present is, therefore, an excellent opportunity for picking up shares still at rubbish prices, as well as for averaging holdings bought at higher prices; for instance, *Black Seas* at 1⅛, *Anglo-Maikop* at ⅝, *Maikop Victory* at ⅛ discount, *Maikop Premier* at 6s., *Maikop Valley Prefs.* at 7-32, and *Maikop Pipeline* at 10s. As regards other sections of the market, *Shell Transports* have been the bright particular feature at 86s., and *Mexican Eagle* have shot up to 30s. 6d., on rumours of an agreement with one of the big companies, for the marketing of their oil. *Spies* have been firm at 32s. 6d., but *Lobitos* are still a very dangerous market for the outside operator, and, after having been run up to 25s., have been let down again to 22s. A feature has been a revival in Trinidad shares, *Trinidad Oil-*

*fields* showing the way at ⅛ on the striking of a gusher. Some support has also been forthcoming for *General Oil and Finance*, at ⅜ discount, which is still a very low level. The Egyptian group has been firmer, *Egyptian A* at 2¼, *Red Seas* at ¾.

### Rubber Prospects Brightening — "Bears" Getting Nervous—Malacca Position Still in Doubt.

Prospects of the rubber market are undoubtedly brightening, and prices have been steadily on the upgrade, and good results were realised at last week's auctions, while another sign of the times is the further large forward sales which have been effected by the Anglo-Malay, London Asiatic, United Serdang, and Selaba Companies, for delivery throughout next year at the substantial quotations of 4s. 6d. to 4s. 6½d. per lb. It is not surprising, under these circumstances, that the "Bears" of rubber shares are becoming increasingly nervous, and that it only wants some public buying to complete their discomfiture. Meantime, *Linggis* have recovered to 33s. 9d., *Fallams* to 24s. 9d., and *Anglo-Malay*, after falling to 15s. 6d. on the interim dividend of 15 per cent., against 25 per cent. a year ago, have recovered to 15s. The "heavy" shares are also firmer, and *Malaccas* are still prominent at 10¼. This company's directors' report is not now looked for until the end of the month, and is also expected to announce a new capital issue. The shareholders of the *Banteng Selangor* have defeated the resolution put forward by the directors for an increase of capital in shares, whereas they favour convertible debentures.

### Chinese Stocks and the Revolution.

It is a sign of the times that, even in the Far East and the very slow-moving Empire of China, revolutionists should from the outset of the struggle publicly guarantee and respect lives and properties of foreigners, and the loans which have been contracted in the past. This is also the reason why Chinese Government Bonds have comparatively declined only to a very moderate extent, considering the magnitude of the upheaval. Take, for instance, the *1896 Gold Loan*, which just before the outbreak of the revolution stood at 102¾, and now has fallen to 100¼. The *Imperial Railway Loan*, which was quoted 104½ before the trouble, now stands at 100, and the *Pekin Hankow Loan*, which was quoted 108½, now stands at 103½. It will be seen that upon the whole the reaction has been unimportant. The heaviest fall took place at one time in *Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank shares*, which from 82½ declined to 77, but have recovered to 79. These shares, by the way, at one time this year touched 90.

### Some Canadian Industrial Stocks.

I have received several inquiries for *Canadian Industrial stocks* suitable for investment, and I, therefore, give herewith a little table of ten of such stocks, which show comparatively a good yield, although there is naturally a certain amount of risk connected with stocks yielding up to 6 per cent. Most of these stocks, however, have a good backing, and the rejection of the Reciprocity Treaty practically frees such undertakings from United States competition :—

| | Stock or Share. | Int. or Dividend Per Cent. | Buying Quotations. | Yield Per Cent. Per Annum. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada Cement Pf. .. .. | 100 .... | 7 .... | 93 .... | 7 10 6 |
| Can. Cottons Bds. .. .. | £100 .... | 5 .... | 91½ .... | 5 9 3 |
| Calgary Pr. Bds. .. .. | £100 .... | 5 .... | 97½ .... | 5 2 9 |
| Can. Gen. Electric .. .. | 100 .... | 7 .... | 119 .... | 6 7 3 |
| Mont. Lt. Heat, Power .. | 100 .... | 8 .... | 180 .... | 4 9 0 |
| Shawinigan Power .. .. | 100 .... | 5 .... | 121 xd. .... | 4 2 9 |
| Lake Superior Bds. .. .. | 1,000 .... | 5 .... | £98 .... | 5 2 0 |
| Ogilvie Flour .. .. .. | 100 .... | 8 .... | 133 .... | 6 0 6 |
| Hudson's Bays .. .. | £10 .... | 40 .... | 104 .... | 3 17 6 |
| Toronto Ry. Bond .. .. | £100 .... | 4½ .... | 103 .... | 4 7 6 |

In order to obtain additional safety, it would be wise to spread purchases over several of the stocks. The *Hudson's Bay* shares will doubtless receive increases in dividends, in view of the continued rise in land in the Dominion, while the building activity there is a point in favour of the *Canada Cement Company*. the *Common stock* of which, of the face value of $100, can still be bought at under 30.

### GAMAGE'S NEW ISSUE.

By the time these notes are in the hands of my readers, Gamage's new issue of 20,000 cumulative 5½ per cent. preference shares of £1 and 40,000 ordinary shares of £1 will doubtless have been fully subscribed. With so flourishing a business the premiums of 1s. on the preference and 5s. on the ordinary shares are fully justified, particularly as the former are entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of as much as 5½ per cent., while dividends of 10 per cent. have been paid on the ordinary for the past two years, as well as substantial reserves created.

## JOHN BULL'S FINANCIAL LETTER-BOX.

*(1) Letters containing inquiries must be addressed to the City Editor, John Bull, 7, Copthall Buildings, E.C. The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith. Anonymous communications will be disregarded.*

*(2) Correspondents should adopt either a nom-de-plume, or mention initials, under which the replies will appear in the paper. The stocks or subjects inquired about should also be numbered.*

*(3) Replies are made only in the ordinary way through the columns of this journal under the above heading, and not by letter.*

*(4) In no circumstances will the proprietors undertake the sale or purchase of stocks or shares.*

*(5) If inquirers wish it, for transacting business, the names and addresses of respectable firms of stockbrokers, members of the London Stock Exchange, will be supplied to them, in which case a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.*

**(6) A Postal Order for 1/- must accompany each Financial or Insurance Enquiry.**

National Share Exchange.—Suscribe (Glasgow).—I note that you have received the full amount claimed from the Exchange, and this is the more satisfactory as by the same post I received a communication from another client of that firm into the same effect. (2) The other firm are on side issues, but I do not know anything about them. Be careful. Western Freeholds.—You see there was no reason for your pessimism, as you have received the £24 cheque in full from the National Share Exchange.

Low-Priced Share.—T. B.—Yes, also keep the low-priced share in question. There is always a prospect of the Company coming up smiling again, as soon as things generally are on a sounder feeling.

Kent Coal Shares.—W. S.—I would not advise purchase of either of the two shares mentioned at the present level. Kent Collieries Pref. at 5-16 premium would be distinctly preferable.

Tin, Rubber, Oil, Etc.—A. E. F.—(1 to 3) These low-priced shares have, of course, fallen with the rest of the market, and prices are now so low down that it is not worth while to sell. No. 1 are the best of the bunch. (4) There is no market for these oil shares, and I do not like them. (5) Bakoboo Tin Mines should certainly be held, as the Company is making satisfactory progress. (6, 7 and 8) Hold these Home railway stocks. I do not think there will be a railway strike, but should there be one, the struggle is likely to be short, and the men will not have it all their own way.

Savings Corporation.—L. H. P.—Recent events have made me more than ever adverse to concerns of this kind, and I do not advise investment therein. I do not know the names of their bankers, but the latter are obviously not responsible for the standing of their clients.

Nevada United Mines.—Nevada.—There is no market for these shares, and I doubt whether they are, or ever will be, worth anything. It is a great mistake to buy shares in obscure mining concerns, without any free market on this side.

Rand Consols.—R. L.—The recent statement effectually disposed of the adverse rumours, which were shown to be due to a Bear attack, pure and simple. The dividend announcements should be forthcoming in the course of next month, and, according to all indications, should be of a satisfactory character.

Skiff Railway.—Lasco.—The only place where this list could be inspected is at Somerset House, but, as the Company has since been absorbed, I doubt whether the list is now available.

Various Holdings.—Missouri.—In the first place, I might remark you have loaded yourself up too much with such speculative investments. Under these circumstances, you might take an opportunity of selling a portion, at least, of the minor shares, No. 1, on any further improvement. As regards Mount Lyell (2), the labour struggle has just been settled, and price is rising at 25s. British Burmah Debs. (4) can only be considered a speculation, and everything depends upon further development. It is quite correct that there is no market for Canadian Development Corporation bonds (5). Evidently, the issue did not go well.

£50 Investment.—Mind-This Sale.—These shares are too high now. Why not put this sum into Kent Collieries Pref., at about 5-16 premium?

Home Rails.—G. H.—Yes, put the £1,000 into Home Rails, say, the following preferred stocks, which give a reasonable margin of safety :—Brighton Preferred at 133, South-Eastern Preferred at 121, Great Northern Preferred at 91, Central London Preferred at 80.

Building Society.—Maurice.—You are labouring under a misapprehension. My advice has been to the contrary effect. Latest events confirm me in my views. Withdraw your money, and put the same into the P.O. Savings Bank, where it will be absolutely safe.

Company Promotion.—M. L. R.—I should not like to guarantee the correctness of the book in question, or the extract given. You had better submit the same to a lawyer with experience in Company promotion.

Radium Company.—Radium.—This is, to say the least of it, a highly speculative concern, and I do not advise the investment. The documents are returned.

Outside Brokers.—R. M.—You may depend upon it that there is no value in the Dominion Lands and Mines Development shares, of which you have received a certificate from T. Moreton Harris and Co., of 80, William Street, New York. No doubt this firm is tarred with the same brush as their Birmingham firm, which is now being prosecuted. There is no sale for the certificates here, and the documents are returned. Combine.—I advise you not to deal with these people. It will be easier for you to lose them to gain in this speculation, and, of course, there is not the slightest guarantee that you will make anything. The document is returned. K. E. T. (Salop).—You had better leave this kind of speculation alone. It rarely brings profits, but very often losses. E. C. (Kettering).—You must be aware that I do not recommend dealing with outside brokers, but only with members of the Stock Exchange. E. G. (Ayr).—You must have seen from my remarks on Guthrie and Gunter that I do not consider the guarantee of the Incorporated Trust, Limited, worth anything. Have nothing to do with these people.

Industrials.—Hammersmith.—I see no reason for parting with any of your Industrial holdings in any particular hurry. So far, at any rate, they are not affected by labour unrest. Time enough to think about this when it is actually in sight, without going to meet trouble half way.

*(A large number of replies are unavoidably held over.)*

### INSURANCE REPLIES.

***Insurance Enquiries should be addressed Insurance Editor, 93, Long Acre, W.C.***

Prudential Assurance Company.—Rugger (Leicester).—We are glad to know that your friend has, owing to our efforts, obtained the repayment of the whole of the premiums he had paid to the Prudential on an illegal policy. Your own is in the same category. A. E. (Croydon).—The deception—a very heartless deception—practised upon you is one of the commonest of the many frauds resorted to by agents of the Prudential for the purpose of obtaining premiums. G. F. (Bournemouth).—The policies are illegal. We return them under cover. J. H. (Derby).—The policy is illegal. Consult a local solicitor and sue for the premiums in the County Court. M. T. (Bridgend).—If the Company will promise in writing to pay you, accept. We do not advise proceedings. G. M. (Harringay).—The policy is, we think, illegal, but unless you can clearly prove fraud you cannot recover. The other policies do not require the signature of the assured unless your wife's mother's name is the only one on them.

M. M. W. (Astley).—It was a false representation on which you could sue. Lay the facts before a local solicitor. D. D. (Liscard).—You have no remedy. J. B. M. (Nottingham).—If the proposal forms are properly signed the policies are good. E. H. (Glasgow).—If your aunt did not sign the proposal form, sue for your premiums on the ground of fraud. N. R. (Stockton-on-Tees).—We much fear that you are one of the many victims who cannot recover in full. Write the Company a sharp letter and demand to know the utmost they will give you. B. M. (Aberdeen).—If the assured's signature was forged by the agent, you could recover the premiums. Consult a local solicitor. F. H. G. (Cardiff).—We fear the premiums are not recoverable. J. S. (Margate).—Send us the particulars and we will advise you. W. E. W. (Whitley Bay).—The policy seems right enough. A. E. (Shepherds Bush).—The policy is illegal. A. M. C.—Ditto. R. E. G. (Luton).—Ditto. F. J. (Manchester).—If the facts are as you state them the conduct of the Company cannot be defended. G. S. (Sheffield).—The policy, which we return, is illegal. A Reader of John Bull (Waverlee).—Ditto. T. S. (Brightwell).—Ditto. Josef (Manchester).—The facts being as you state them, we think you could recover. E. S. (Manchester).—Ditto. J. N. E. (Mulberne Mills).—If the policy was taken out to cover funeral expenses, it is valid. Revolution (Llantrisant).—We will look into the matter and write you later on. D. W.—The policy is illegal unless taken out to cover funeral expenses. It is returned. P. T. S. (Sunderland).—We think you could recover, assuming your statements to be provable. W. E. (Poulingwaite).—If you can prove the facts you can, we think, recover the premiums you have paid upon the several policies. E. E. (Hove).—The policy is illegal. Ascot-Scot (Bristol).—The probability is that the Company would pay at death, but the policy is illegal. S. P (Paisley).—The policy is illegal. We return it. E. R. (Glasgow).—The policy is illegal. E. R. (Bermondsey).—If you can prove that the agent forged your mother's signature, you can recover. M. L. (Paisley).—The amount is not a large one and we think you would be unwise to enter upon litigation, which might not be successful. Maxmax (Ballnugh).—If you signed the bond you are liable upon it. Those who sign bonds should read them before they sign. Rags (Carmarthen).—No, you cannot demand your money back unless you can prove that the Company was a party to the fraud. J. B. (Forest Gate).—The policy is illegal. E. B. (Derby).—The policies are illegal. We return them. S. A. (Edinburgh).—We fear you cannot recover. G. F. (Clydebank).—The policy is illegal, but they will probably pay at death. W. J. P (Blaenau Festinog).—Upon the facts as you state them, the policies are illegal. We return them. A. X. C. (Totland Bay).—The policy is illegal. R. D. (East Minehead).—We do not think you could recover. Cuivo (Cardiff).—The Company would probably pay, but the policy is illegal. A. C (Walworth).—Ditto. H. I. J. (Yarmouth).—The policies would appear to be in order. They are returned. A. H. M. (Exmouth).—You should get your father to sign. G. F. N. (Neuilly, s. Seine).—Write again and insist upon the receipt. You do not give us any statement in your letter which warrants the conclusion that you could successfully claim the return of your premiums. E. T. (Cardiff).—The policy is illegal. A. M. (Derby).—Ditto. Greyhound (Cornwall).—Ditto. As to whether you could recover, it is doubtful. You must bring home liability to the agent. Amos (Banbury).—We think you might recover, but we will look further into the matter and write you later on. J. W. (Totley).—We do not think there is any reason to question the validity of your policies, which are returned. R. N. (Glasgow).—Ditto. F. L. T. O. (Newport).—The policy appears quite valid. J. H.—If the policy was taken out to cover funeral expenses, it is valid. Hotpicker (Snodland).—You do not send us the particulars necessary to enable us to answer your question. Nosy (Battersea).—You send us no particulars. How are we to answer your question without them? Velvet (Hackney).—The policy appears to be in order. Bore (York).—The agent has misled you. F. D. (Gloucester).—We would rather not have the policy. What was the point upon which you wanted advice? F. E. (Bath).—You do not tell us whether the Company has refused to pay upon the policy. Let us know. R. W. P. (Garden Mews).—Of course, the proposal form should have been signed by you. Diar (Bury).—The policies are illegal, but unless you can bring liability home to the agent, we question whether you can recover. Your policies are returned. S. W. P. (Gateshead-on-Tyne).—The Company would probably pay, but the policy is illegal. Z. Y. D. (Leigh).—The policies are invalid. J. H. D. (Walthamstow).—It is a very hard case, but we are afraid we cannot help you. We return your policies. A. S. (Edmonton)—You cannot recover. We return the policy.

London and Manchester Industrial Assurance Company.—A. E. T.—We do not think any alteration in the insurance law will protect in the way you describe persons who allow their policies to lapse.

British Commercial Collecting Society.—E. P. (Leicester).—We will look into the matter and write you further later on with respect to all three concerns.

Pearl Life Assurance Company.—J. S. (Ilkeston).—We do not think you could recover the balance of the money, and consider you are fortunate in getting the £34 16s 5d.

Refuge Assurance Company.—Anxious One (Peterboro').—There is no legal insurance unless the policy is intended to cover funeral expenses.

Britannic Assurance Company.—J. (Llandudno).—You make grave statements against a solicitor, which we could not act upon without proof, and, anyway, you appear to have settled the claim, and so can do nothing in the way of recovering the balance of the money you have paid in. Noble (Newcastle).—Upon the facts as you state them, the action of the Company is quite unwarrantable, and you have a right to a surrender value without any of the conditions they seek to impose.

Victoria Legal Friendly Society.—B. S. M. (Leyton).—The agent misled you. The policy is illegal, and if you can prove your statements you might recover.

Car and General Insurance Corporation.—J. M. H. (Milford Haven).—We cannot think that you have stated the facts correctly. You write in a very intemperate way, which does not encourage us to believe that you have stated the facts as bearing upon the Company correctly. If you care to send us the correspondence, we will go through it and write you further.

London and Provincial Assurance Company.—J. W. M. (Bournemouth).—We see no reason why you should not sign the form which the Secretary of the London and Provincial Company sends you. We return his letter.

Commercial Union Assurance Company.—H. A. We can understand your annoyance, but the Company is within its rights in refusing to renew the policy.

Four Insurance Companies.—Art (Thornaby-on-Tees).—The first of the four Companies you name, and about which you appear to have doubts, is in the very front rank of Insurance Companies, and the other three are old-established and prosperous concerns.

National Benefit Trust.—E. P. (Barrow-in-Furness).—You say that no bondholder sees the conditions until he receives his certificate and then it is worded to deceive the average person. To that we can only reply that a person who pays his money without acquainting himself with the conditions upon which it is accepted, deserves to lose it.

Two Companies.—Abstainer (Birmingham).—We should prefer the Abstainers and General.

Mutual Property Investment and Accident Company.—E. T. (Liverpool).—The answer is in the negative.

Wesleyan and General Assurance Society.—C. F.—We think you have cause of complaint, but the sum involved is small, and we should not advise litigation.

**It is requested that all letters sent us relating to the validity of policies held in the Prudential be marked on the envelope "Prudential." Owing to the thousands of enquiries which have been received, some little delay in dealing with them is unavoidable, but every endeavour is being made to expedite answers.**

## CHARACTER DELINEATION.

By Our Tame Phrenologist.

### XIII.—THE EARL OF HALSBURY.

Here, steady, young man! . . . bouncing into the room like that! . . . You ought to be asha—Heavens! . . . I humbly beg your pardon, my lord . . . but you must admit that I paid an unconscious tribute to your perennial youthfulness; and spontaneous compliments are necessarily sincere.

You wish for a head reading? . . . With the utmost pleasure. Since the passing of the Veto Bill your head has been an object of intense interest and curiosity to me. I have glad to have the opportunity of fingering it. Sit down, my lord, sit down. . . . I will bring you a hassock for your feet . . . they might get cold, dangling.

Phew! What a bump!—What a skullular excrescence! . . . Believe me, my lord, I have handled the heads of Johnson, Gunner Moir, Bombardier Wells, and other great pugilists, but I firmly believe if all their fighting faculties were rolled into one the result would still be less than this bump of *Combativeness* that projects just above and behind your ear. Now, with the cranial evidence before me, I can understand how you came to be called a Die Hard, a Last Ditcher, and various other epithets indicative of uncompromising steadfastness in combat. You must find it rather trying, carrying this bump about with you in the hot weather.

As might be expected, the abnormal development of

of the combative faculty is accompanied by a distended bump of *Destructiveness*, which means that fighting, unaccompanied by destruction, has small charms for you. I venture to say you felt an impish delight in contemplating the destruction of the House of Lords through the introduction of 500 new-laid Liberal peers—a catastrophe that would have come to pass had you had your way.

I find no trace of the faculty of *Cautiousness*; and *Adhesiveness*, the faculty of *Friendship*, is likewise missing. To these deficiencies can be traced the B.M.G. movement and the founding of the Halsbury Club.

Of *Veneration* you have a good share; but the shape of the organ suggests that its activities are restricted to a superstitious regard for the ancient and obsolete forms and tenets of Toryism.

You possess a measure of *Conscientiousness*, but it appears to operate only on behalf of persons holding the same political faith as yourself. This will account for the enormous number of Tory Justices of the Peace you appointed during your term of office as Lord Chancellor.

The faculty of *Causality*, or the power to perceive the likely results of any given action, I cannot discover. The site the bump should occupy is, in your case, a deep depression. This curious fact tells much to the phrenological politician. It reminds one, too, that sometimes when we are prone to blame we should be quick to pity. . . . Quite so; I am perfectly aware, my lord, that you are indifferent to either pity or blame. . . . That I had already learned through fingering your bump of *Self-esteem*, and nearly losing my fingers in the cranial hollow where, in normal heads, the bump, *Love of Approbation*, rises.

Another absentee among your faculties is the bump of *Order*, from which I gather that your soul delighteth in political confusion. You take pleasure in stirring up unrest—witness the forming of the Halsbury Club and the historic B.M.G. movement; you find satisfaction.——

Very true, my lord. . . I am perfectly aware that you did not come to me to be admonished; but the exercise of a phrenologist's art naturally entails a little moralising.

Thank you, my lord. . . *Good*-day!

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## LETTERS FROM JANE ANN.

*[Being communications from a young person to her friends and relations.]*

By Moore Anking.

The Durdles,
Diddleston.

Dear Mother,—I warned you before about so much kneeling, now didn't I? Straight, it don't seem a bit of good me talking, s'far's I can see. And now you say you've gone and got a touch of something.

Well, when I come to think of you bending across the Town Hall steps in all weathers, wonder to me is you haven't had a touch of something before this, 'cause a wet cloth and a bar of soap ain't no proteckshun, what I mean to say is you can't always tell what's happening when you have got your back to the public. You don't reely know whether you're a gathering afflickshun or only just providing enter-tainment for the ratepayers and the east wind.

Worst of it is, I don't see how you can claim compensashun, not unless you can prove how the touch of something was ob-tained. S'pose you go to law, first thing that happens they'll very likely say the Act don't cover cases like yours, then where'll you be—non-suited, like you must have been when you got afflickted.

I have heard say hot charcoal's a good thing, mother, p'raps you could get a bagful from the gas-house, be better than getting the sack from the Town Hall. I wish to goodness you could touch Mother Parkins for that fourpence she owes me, then you could have proper meddical advice.

Here, mother, you know all about dreams. Well, s'posing you was to dream your young man took you to see the pickshers and bought you a bag of nuts, and then held your hand all the evening and said he didn't care if the blooming pickshers went on for ever—what's that a sign of? And if after that when you got home you couldn't shake him off the door-step and he would hold both your hands and keep on telling you about feeling dull and lonely on cold nights, and how cheap lodgings could never be like home, and so on and so forth? You might shake the tea-leaves for me, mother, else look in the dream-book an tell me what it all means.

Of course, mother, you needn't think I'm the one that's been dreaming all this, but if it should mean anything deffnit try and fancy Bert's the young man in the bisniss. I should very likely have called the pleece if it had been anybody else.

Down in the village they're showing some lovely picksher all-manacks, mother. One's a burning mountain with flames and soot all over the place. And not a fireman to be seen. Makes a person wonder what they get their money for.

Come to think of it, ma, I never sent Clara Parkins a wedding present, did I? Well, I been thinking a nice picksher all-manack would be just the thing. I shall send her the burning mountain soon's I can get out to give the order. She'll be glad of something to cover up the wall-paper, and I'll get the person in the shop to write a nice useful motto on it, such as Flea from the wrath to come, something that'll make her think of her fewcher state and bring things before her mind.

I often get con-sulted on other people's troubles, mother. One of our girls asked me yesterday what I thought she ought to buy first towards getting a home together. She said her john hadn't mentioned getting married, but she thought it was time for her to be getting ready in case he should so far forget hisself.

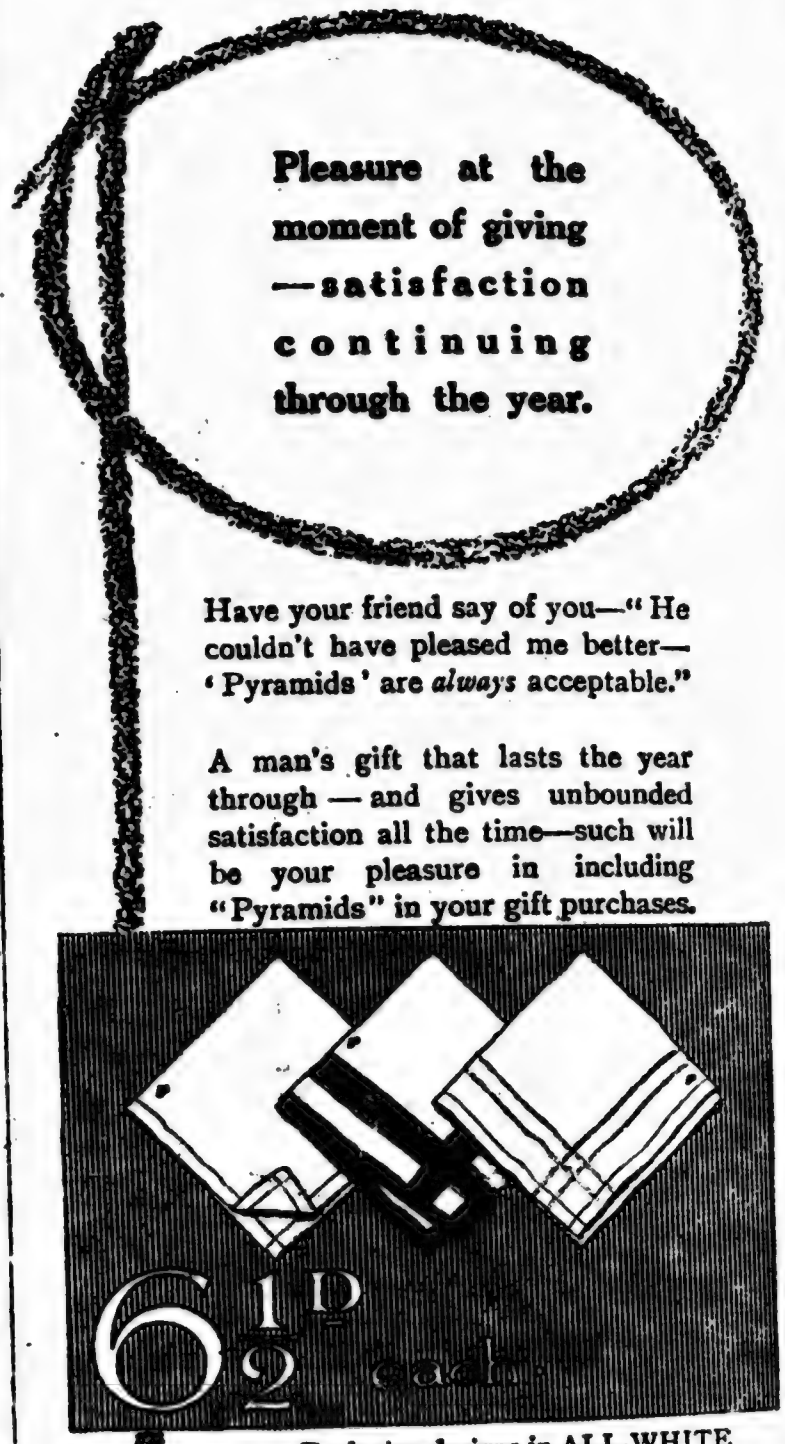
My advice to her was to run through the alpha-bet and see what she'd be likely to want. We started the bisniss together with the first letter. A is for arm-chair, In which to repose, Young couples who get there Don't care if it snows.

We had to pass this with regret, 'cause she said she couldn't pack it in her trunk and had nowhere else to put it. Bed and Bed-stead were dismissed for the same reason. At the finish we started the alpha-bet the other way round but only drew blanks till we reached P for Pepper-box. That seemed to be a very fair start, 'cause as I said she needn't shake pepper through it all the time, there being other uses and one never knowing where one's lot might be cast. So I've got to get her something classy first time I go out. That's another friend I've made.

Well now, mother, good-bye for the present, and do let me know your sim-tums when you next write.

x x x Your loving daughter, x x x

Jane Ann.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"To counter the bitter blow you have dealt the Party system at Bristol East, I published my pronouncement on the question of Manhood Suffrage. If your candidate had not done so well, I should have postponed that announcement indefinitely. Which constituency do you intend to contest next? [Wait and see.—Ed.]

"Yours in trepidation;

"H. H. ASQUITH."

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Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL writes:—

"The result of the Bristol election leads me to believe that before long the idea of a Business Government will be in the ascendant in this country. The prospect has no terrors for me. I am young, and am an expert in adapting myself to any environment. When it appears to be worth my while to do so, you may depend upon my changing my political coat once more and appearing before the public as an ardent supporter of the Business Idea. Meanwhile, of course, I am getting as much out of the dear old Party game as possible.

"But I must admit that the moral victory of the Business Candidate made me look a bit foolish; for shortly after the result of the election was known, the newspapers announced that I, the new First Lord of the Admiralty, had made my first descent in a submarine, and had listened with interest and attention to the explanations of the engineers regarding the mechanism of the craft. The boss of the King's Navy being given elementary instruction by his subordinates! It does sound wrong somehow, doesn't it?

"Yours, ready for the change,

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LORD ROSEBERY writes:—

"The result of the Bristol East election afforded me both surprise and pleasure. When you have a sufficient number of Business Members in the House of Commons to exert some real influence on the legislation of the Government of the day, whether Liberal or Conservative, you may look upon me as the Business representative in the House of Lords. I now perceive what it is my mind has been groping for these many years. I have recently been preaching the gospel of Business in relation to the innumerable unwieldy collections of books, called Libraries, which weigh down the country to-day, and which are constantly being added to by a certain far-too-wealthy old gentleman who has a craze for peace at any price, illiterate spelling, and the running up of the local rates. From this time forward I shall devote myself to the advocacy of Business methods of Government also.

"Yours encouragingly,

"ROSEBERY."

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By W. M.

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To ye Memorie
of

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P.C., J.P., F.R.S., Hon. LL.D., Brum.,
Who
For manie yeares
Satte
In ye Houfe of Commons:
Firftlie,
As Member for North Wilts;
Secondlie,
As Member for Devizes;
Thirdlie,
As Member for Weft Derby, Liverpool;
Fourthlie,
As Member for South Briftol;
Fifthlie,
As Member for South Dublin;
And laftlie
As Member for ye Strand, London.
In ye courfe of hys journeyinges
From one conftituencie to another
Hee found tyme
To fill succeffivelie ye pofts
of
Parliamentarie Secretarie to ye Locall Governmente Board;
Prefident of ye Board of Agriculture,
When,
Bye ye waie,
Hee muzzled ye dogges,
And stamped out hydrophobia in Englande;
And
Prefident of ye Locall Governmente Board.
Butte,
Notwythftandynge
Hys longe and strenuous labours
For and on beinalf of
Ye Confervatyve Partie,
When ye tyme came to seleckt a freth leader
Hee was given ye go-bye
In favour of one yclept
BONAR LAW,
Becaufe,
Forfoothe,
Ye deceafed and one yclept Austen Chamberlayne
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In
Ye Leaderfhippe Stakes.
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Hee was a crufted Torie
Of ye olde schoole,
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When none are bye
To thynke thatte all ye years of swottynge
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Thynkynge to win
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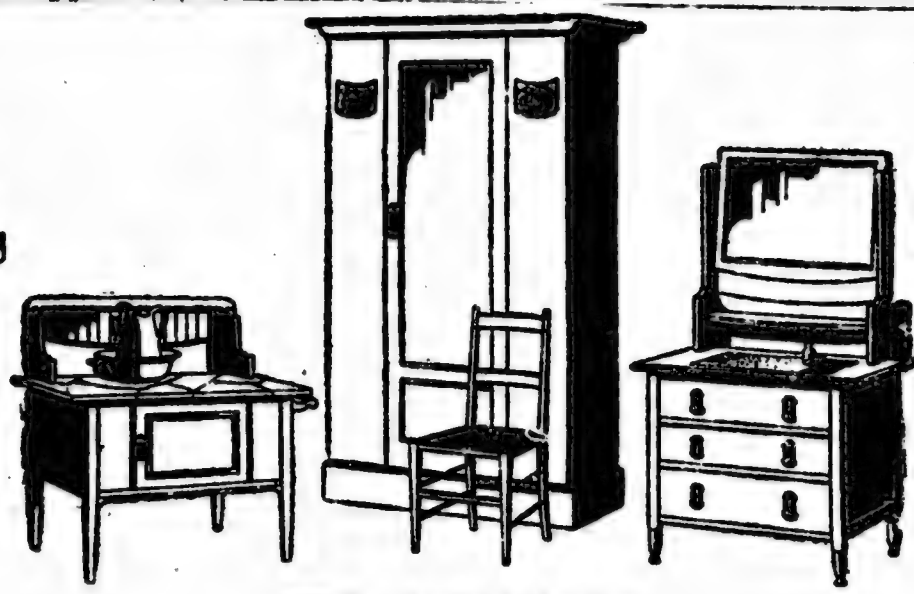

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The Butterfly on the Wheel.

This true-to-life drama of the Divorce Court is once more being played in London, this time at the Queen's Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue. For some weeks past, Miss Madge Titheradge, who acts the part of the frail little "Butterfly" with so much intensity and conviction, has been in indifferent health, but like the plucky young actress she is, she refused to give in and take the rest the doctors prescribed for her. Can you wonder, then, that the strain of rehearsing "Mrs. Admaston" with Henry Ainley (who was to have played Collingwood, the character originally created by Lewis Waller), and at the eleventh hour the news being conveyed to her that Ainley was not able to appear, proved too much for her overtaxed nerves, and in the court act she worked herself up to such a frenzy of excitability that she became hysterical and eventually collapsed? We who sit in front and watch, know so little of all the anxieties and misfortunes that are taking place behind the scenes. Listened to with bated breath, and an interest which never flags, Messrs. Hennerde and Neilson's fine play should be even more attractive now when the weather is fitter for theatre-going.


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## The John Bull League.

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BRANCH REPORTS.

LEEDS.—Attention is directed to the announcement, on page 1, of the first Annual General Meeting.

HULL.—Particulars of this Branch's smoking concert will also be found on page 1.

GLASGOW.—The Branch held a grand concert in St. Andrew's, Berkeley Hall, on Saturday last, which was well attended. A lengthy programme was submitted, the principal artistes being: St. Mungo Vocal Quartette, Pearl Lyndon, the well-known operatic vocalist, Jas. Kay, violin soloist, Will Lindsay, conjurer, and J. C. Lawrance. Mr. P. A. Hope, the popular baritone, rendered the John Bull League songs in his usual efficient manner. Pearl Lyndon, in the charming Jewel Song from "Faust," proved herself an artiste of great ability. Mr. Meredith Kay, of Kay's Orchestra, was an able accompanist. Mr. David Tait, Vice-Chairman of the Branch, occupied the chair, and in a few opening remarks explained the meaning of the John Bull League. In the interval Mr. Jno. Pye, Chairman of the Branch, in a brief address outlined the aims and objects of the League. Mr. Anderson, the Secretary of the College Division, proposed votes of thanks to the artistes, Chairman and Speaker. The first Annual Meeting of the College Division was held on Thursday last, at the Union Restaurant, West Nile Street. There was a good attendance of members, who listened to an able address by the Chairman of the Branch, Mr. Jno. Pye. The meeting then proceeded with the election of a Committee and Officers for the ensuing year, and other business of importance was transacted.

MANCHESTER.—A proof of the correct gauging of public opinion by the John Bull League was given at the town's meeting last week, which was called to consider the use to which the old Infirmary site should be put. Proposals for a new Art Gallery and Library and for a Municipal Exchange, respectively, were made; but in the end the overwhelming vote went for the site—which is unquestionably the finest in the city—remaining an open space for a period of at least five years. At every meeting of the League held in Manchester last year the question was considered with the same result as at the town's meeting. The League's work in this connection, as evidenced in the resolutions forwarded to the Lord Mayor, duly appears in the City Council records. Many other places would benefit if such a lead were more frequently available.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON FEDERATION (KENNINGTON BRANCH).—The winter season was opened by a well-attended concert at the "Prince of Wales," Prince's Square, on the 4th inst., Mr. Stanley Goodfellow presiding. An excellent programme was given, the principal artistes being Mr. Sam Varndell, Mr. Albert Cox, Mr. Gordon Kay Bull, Mr. Bert Oldland, Mr. J. Igoe, Mr. Fred Piper, Mr. George Stenner, Mr. Jack Carr, Miss Violet Lawson and Miss Lil Keats, all of whom were heartily applauded for their very excellent contributions. The Honorary Secretary of the Kennington Branch, Mr. J. St. C. Timon, of 50, Reedworth Street, Kennington, has accepted the position of Secretary of the Federation.

## *JOHN BULL'S* CHRISTMAS PRESENT SCHEME

### Valuable and Seasonable Gifts to our Readers.

Christmas is coming once more, and in accordance with our usual custom, we propose to distribute a large number of presents among our readers, asking them in return to make a special effort to increase further our already gigantic circulation.

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## BULL'S EYES.

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Wasn't Mr. Balfour's resignation somewhat "forced"?

Do they want change for a "Bob" at Hitchin?

Hasn't Italy "taken too much for granted" in Tripoli?

Doesn't the submarine trip prove that Mr. Churchill means to get to the bottom of things?

Is the Territorial Force "short" of men only?

Won't railway strikers find the Companies "ready to meet them"?

Is "The War God" a "blood and thunder" production?

Did John Redmond supply the plot for his daughter's play, "The Best of a Bad Bargain"?

Didn't the strike mean that the public had to "whistle" for a taxi?

Isn't the Post Office money-box a good "lock-up investment"?

Won't a smash of China mean a scramble for pieces?

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"Want of bread often brings people to religion," says Sir J. Compton Rickett. But it more often sends them to the devil.

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Mr. D. Donaldson says that all creative work is, in essence, criticism. But surely criticism is essentially destructive?

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"The Carpet from Bagdad," is the new serial in a contemporary. The yarn should be skilfully woven.

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The New York papers state that J. D. Rockefeller is economising. We suppose he hasn't given away even a paltry million lately.

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"Some Showers" is the title of a new stage piece. We trust its rain will be prolonged.

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The American escaped convict who divulged his identity during his sleep, was certainly "caught napping."

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The placing of road mirrors at dangerous corners should at least have the effect of stopping all cars containing ladies.

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A floral bow is the latest novelty for feminine neckwear, but the ordinary beau will do just as well.

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"The Ealing Miracle"—just published—is not, we are able to state, a patent medicine advertisement.

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"Canned Classics" is the title of a volume of poems. Were they worth preserving?

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"Joke Ends in Suicide," reads a heading. It must have been a perfectly killing one.

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Fiction is said to be declining in popularity. Yet the halfpenny dailies continue to thrive.

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Mr. A. C. Lott claims the Page estates, which cover half the county of Middlesex. Lott doesn't want a little.

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"The art of the theatre is a fine art," says Miss Ellen Terry. But sometimes it is a bit thick.

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"Chimney Sweep as Lecturer," we read. He has, at least, experience in making things clear.

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The "Biofixer" is the latest photographic wheeze. We understand it doesn't cost much to biofixer yourself.

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On hearing that Maeterlinck is to have the Nobel prize, an old lady remarked that if it was for writing "Bluebeard," he didn't deserve it.

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A girl often declares that she wouldn't be a man for anything, but she gets as near to one as she can.

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"Love is like the measles," says Constance Howell. Yes, sufferers are soon spotted.

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"Education does not mean stuffing the mind," says Dr. Temple. But stuffing suggests the sage.

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According to a cabman at Westminster, the art of driving nowadays consists in getting out of the way. We thought that was pedestrianism.


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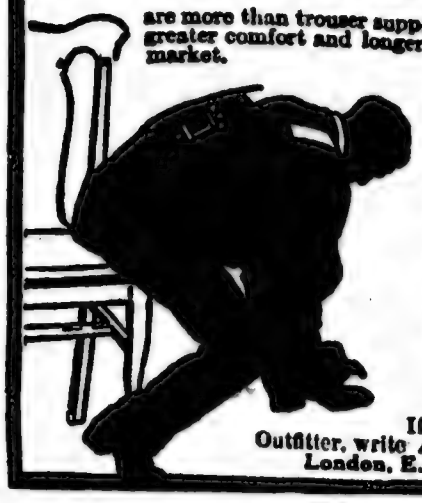

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[THE EDITOR *replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.*]

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*CORRESPONDENTS, when referring to previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of* ENQUIRIES *received consequent upon the abnormal growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag," and only those of general interest will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "biscuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

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*ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENCE is increasing steadily. In future, we will disregard any letter which is not duly authenticated, with name and address, which may be given in strict confidence.*

*FORWARDING LETTERS, ETC.—Our correspondence is growing so enormously that we have to discourage all idea of* PUTTING OUR READERS INTO COMMUNICATION WITH ONE ANOTHER.

S. B. (Plumstead) AND OTHERS.—The firm inform us that they have been obliged to adopt the system of including the *weight of the packets*, owing to the increased price of *tea*, and, secondly, to the pressure of competition.

G. B. (Sydenham).—For the millionth time, we beg to state that *the Editor is neither a Solicitor nor a Barrister.*

T. W. J. (Birkenhead) received *Hungarian lottery circulars* with the Dwesbury post-mark.

"A QUALIFIED TEACHER OF MUSIC" writes: "*Lodgers* cannot get a *vote* where the most uneducated labourer can: and now they propose to take away the votes of men who pay rates and taxes through their rent." We must wait for Mr. Asquith's promised Bill.

J. C. (Canada).—Thanks, but we are not to be lured out to *settle in Canada*, although you do promise us a bonus and perpetual franchise and remission of poll-tax and the extinction of the Porcupine fire (whatever that may be). We are quite happy over here for the present. By the way, why do you use such Yankeefied coins as dollars?

A. G. W. (Wimbledon Park) wants a biscuit for a paper which referred to the "*translation*" *of a bishop* from one see to another. He informs us that this should have been "transfer." But the word "translation" has been used in this connection from time immemorial. So our friend must not affect superiority.

"CALCUTTA SWEEP AGAIN" (Cardiff).—Cannot make any reference to the *man at Cardiff* unless we have your correct name and address; you ought to know that.

H. B. L.—We hand over all our *picture hanging* to *Mrs. Bull*, so sent your query to her. Watch her Letter Box.

A. B. (Manor Park).—We never heard of any police order about constables paying their *fares on trams*. They certainly do not always do so.

AN ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENT says that "roguery is rampant in the *cinematograph theatre companies*, many of which are financed by money-lending Jews." That is not necessarily against them, and we place no reliance upon charges brought by people who are ashamed of their names.

E. S. H. (Galt, Ont.).—We do not see anything particularly insulting in the *Canadian* orator's remark, "The young Englishmen come over here and we educate them." Even the wisest of us are not above continuing our education all our lives.

E. S. Q.—We cannot tell you what the Dairy Companies do with the *fines* imposed upon their *milkmen*. They may, of course, be spent upon milk, but we are not quite sure.

S. T. G. (Staines) had to wait one hour and forty minutes before he could get a *money order* for £11 cashed. This is too bad, as the order had been sent a week before, and the Postmaster ought to have provided for it.

MRS. V. (Stonehouse) seems to have been badly treated. A *young man* came into her inn *with too much liquor on board*. She gave him lemonade and bathed his head with vinegar and warm water, and allowed him to lay down and rest. Then his mother came in and abused her, finally going off to complain to the police.

"POSEY" (Durham) sends us an advertisement of a *go-as-you-please competition* with the announcement, "Blind or cripple competitors not invited." Well, they would not stand much chance, would they?

T. H. T. has discovered "the *best tonic for dogs* in the world," but has no capital to advertise it.

J. E. (Salford).—Your experience of *M. Collins*, Corporation Street, Manchester, is that, though advertising loans without security and without fees, he demanded 3s. by circular for negotiation and completion expenses on your applying to him, and six days afterwards refused to lend you the money "unless you got someone in position to stand for you." This is a common trick of advertising money lenders.

N. S. B. gives his experience of a so-called "social elevator," run by *the Salvation Army*. He is well educated and has a good character. After being put to work as a paper sorter, he was suddenly dismissed, and he says the only result of his "elevation" is that his good clothes have been spoilt, and he finds it more difficult than ever to get a job. He describes the conditions of living as revolting, and says the entire place is verminous, the food impossible to eat, and his earnings did not amount to £1 during four-and-a-half months.

A. O. (London, N.W.) wants us to recommend him a *bridge club*. Not in our line.

A. B. (Brighton) is evidently a *transcendental philosopher*. He argues that the dualistic system is fundamentally false. But we manage to exist all the same.

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E. G. C. (Clapham).—Can't tell you why the *Post Office* won't show the original of a telegram "received by a *bona-fide* holder."

"Parent" (Clydebank).—We note that the "Co-operative Halls School of Music" announces that it is the only school in Britain that can give *six months' education* on the violin and mandoline *for a shilling*." It certainly is, if it does.

H. G. (Sheffield).—If hospital or private specialists are unable to restore *the hearing* of your wife, you may safely take our word that the thingamajig you name will do her no good.

"A Lover of Dogs" (Brighton) complains of a *dogs' home* where "boarders fare no better than stray dogs, who are fed on dry crusts and biscuits in kennels with no straw to lie on." Why not mention the name of the home?

J. C. (Carlisle).—Do you seriously think that we care what you eloquently call "two pennyworth of gin" whether your letters were or were not published in your *local papers?*

A. D. (Langley).—Why did you not write to us at the time? It is rather late for us to rake *up robberies dating back to* 1907. We will, however, keep the name and address for reference.

H. B. (Spitalfields) sends a warning against *drugs*. He has tried most of them without ameliorating his rheumatism.

W. H. A. (Rangoon) urges us to "give the boat a good shove off with our foot and let her go to the bottom with the whole boiling lot of *Radicals, Socialists, Gasbags and Nonconformist-minders.*" But what about the Tories? We must be impartial in our drowning.

N. B. R. (Ontario) sends us interesting particulars of *Unclaimed Bank Balances* out there. Thanks, and greetings.

"A Ticket Agent" says that *the Canadian Government* deports people because the railway and shipping companies want passengers both ways. He says, "Really there is no Canadian Government. They are pirates." But don't the companies have to carry deported people for nothing?

H. D. (Coalbrookdale).—We confess we have no very great sympathy with people who persist in *singing* in the streets *at night*. Even the indulgence shown to the Salvation Army scarcely affords an excuse. Two blacks do not make a white.

P. P. (Penzance) wants *London barmen* to found a Union. What about our Cornish friends?

A. C. J. (Totland).—Yes, we have often heard of the phrase, "*free on rail*" as a catch penny.

L. H. (Richmond Park) complains of having been assaulted by a *tramway conductor at Bournemouth*. Why not apply for a summons? This rudeness almost affords an excuse for the absence of Sunday trams there.

"Singer" (Greenock).—It is not at all unusual for tipsters to claim winners which they never send you. We believe, however, that the *Sporting Life* verifies the telegrams of its advertisers.

J. F. (Highgate).—It is certainly silly of *the Post Office* to clamour for the envelopes of letters which have been lost.

A. C. H.—What a silly manager to turn a man out for *applauding a singer*. It sounds almost like an invitation to hiss.

"Bantry Street" (Grimsby).—It was very cruel of *the lodger*, but there are many of that sort about. Make the next one pay a week in advance, and as soon as he shows signs of taking advantage of you, turn him out.

"English Working Man" (Guelph).—Other working men will no doubt note your statement that "Canada is *all right in the summer-time*, but Heaven help the English working-man in the winter time;" also your warning to intending emigrants not to come.

G. K.—We have no information as to whether German rivets are being used in the building of British battleships.

"Lewisham."—We are not enormously impressed by the trick painting of the alleged *mystery picture*.

"Constant Reader" (Brixton).—We suppose the Home Secretary could stop the use of *bloodhounds for tracking escaped prisoners*. But why should he?

"Nozaza" (Zululand).—We do not think you can object to distant banks charging a fee for cashing *Bank of England notes*. They are not Bank of Empire notes—or even Bank of Engraving.

"An Admirer" (Winnipeg) wants "a few more articles on this goldarned country (Canada) and to warn people of the risk they take coming here." He adds, "*Christian Canada's* sympathy ends directly you land. The Golden West has gold only for shipping agents." We hope they may soon beg in vain for pieces of silver.

D. E. (Endicott, Transvaal) says that, *if he were a woman*, he would certainly fall in love with us. All right, he shall stand godfather to our next venture.

"Choked Off" (Westminster).—Of course our reference to the law about *the closing of licensed premises* did not imply that barmen and others should work extra hours. Goodness knows, they work long enough at present.

T. S. (Camberwell Green) suggests that, when a *motor* cannot be identified after *injuring* someone, the whole body of motorists throughout the country should be held responsible. Are we all to be tried for manslaughter every other day?

G. L. T. (Coventry).—Very good *short stories* are hard to find, and we never supply anything which is not of the very best.

"Old Age Pension" (Liverpool) says *pensioners* who remain *in hospital* over three months lose their pensions. This sounds hard—especially in cases where the hospital fees have been paid by relatives.

"One of the Observers" wants us to offer a prize of an aeroplane to the first man who can *walk across a ceiling* like a fly. That does not sound a very difficult task, given the proper supports.

W. R. G. (Gt. Yarmouth).—We never advise fees in advance to people who profess to supply *paying guests*. If the offers are genuine, it is good enough to wait till business is done.

"Bull's Pup" (Newquay).—*Charity* scarcely excuses *stupidity*. Otherwise we should encourage all sorts of follies, like bazaars, raffles and bogus postage-lamps.

E. C. S. (Aberdeen) quotes *Tennyson* about ringing out "ancient forms of party strife," and wants to know if he was a member of the John Bull League. Yes, by anticipation, just as Moses is held by some theologians to have been a practical Christian.

W. P. C. (Stafford) wants us to send *bogus telegrams* advertising John Bull. But we fear the annoyance would put our victims off.

W. G. C. (Borough) wants to know where he can obtain a *bicycle on easy terms*. Why not wait till he can buy one outright? It will be cheaper in the long run.

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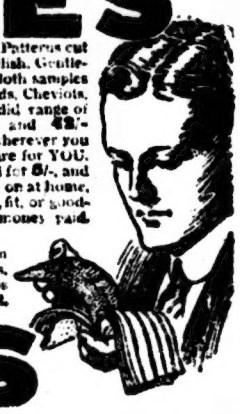


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## RACING NOTES.

By W. Lotinga.
("*Larry Lynx*" *of* The People, "*Double U. I.*" *of* Lotinga's Weekly, *and* "*Magpie*" *of* The Globe.)

**Medley.**

Those who bought yearlings at Doncaster, and naturally want names or them, should try the *Lotinga's Weekly* competition to obtain a wonderful number of clever suggestions.

It is little known that an English jockey in J. Hare was head of the winning list in Holland last season, while his average was phenomenal, for out of 54 rides in that country and Belgium he won 23 races.

It has been some time since there was a blank Monday, but it will hardly be believed how enormously appreciated by every one of the regular and most active racing forces such a period of breathing space is.

Selling-plate winners have been making fabulous prices this season, but some of those sold recently at 300 and 400 guineas are not worth a third of the amount. The price is really created partly by sentiment and partly by pique not to be beaten.

**Prophetic.**

Nearly the finish of the flat, but there are many horses still to come off which, as usual, just get in a win before the season quite ends. At Derby to-day (Thursday) I should not think of anything else if Donnez Moi runs for the Allestree Plate, for he can have strong handling, whilst Black Sea, with a heavy-weight jockey on him, might be made to do what he *can* do in the Foston Selling Handicap. The ever luckless Baker's Boy has his usual chance of being second in the Chatsworth Plate. For Friday's Cup I should think of none other than the hitherto unlucky

Yellow Slave,

despite what is expected of Bronzino and the North-country Graball. On Saturday, at Lingfield, Paradise will go close for the November Nursery, although having a similar chance in the previous afternoon's Friary Nursery at Derby; whilst at Warwick the Handicap is so extraordinarily made in favour of Chasuble that I hope to see Charley Wood's chestnut win again.


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